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Rating: Standard & Poor's "(Expected)" (School Bond Reserve Act)
Standard & Poor's "(Expected)" (Underlying Rating)

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED JULY 28, 2010

In the opinion of McManimon & Scotland, L.L.C., Bond Counsel, assuming continuing compliance by the Issuer (as defined herein) with certain covenants described herein, interest on the Bonds (as defined herein) is not includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes under current law, and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of computing the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals and corporations. Pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, interest on the Bonds held by corporate taxpayers is not included in the relevant income computation for calculation of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations as a result of interest on the Bonds not being included in "adjusted current earnings." Bond counsel expresses no opinion regarding other federal tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds. Further, in the opinion of Bond Counsel, interest on the Bonds and any gain on the sale thereof are not includable as gross income under the New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act. See "TAX EXEMPTION" herein.

New Issue

Serial Bonds

**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF SHAMONG IN
THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY
\$1,999,000 SCHOOL BONDS
(Non-Callable)(Book-Entry-Only)(Bank Qualified)**

Dated: Date of Delivery

Due: February 15, as shown below

The \$1,999,000 School Bonds (the "Bonds") of The Board of Education of the Township of Shamong in the County of Burlington, New Jersey (the "Board" or "Board of Education" when referring to the governing body and legal entity and the "School District" when referring to the territorial boundaries governed by the Board) will be issued in the form of one certificate for the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds maturing in each year and when issued will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), which will act as Securities Depository for the Bonds. See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein.

Interest on the Bonds will be payable semiannually on February 15 and August 15 in each year until maturity, commencing August 15, 2011. Principal of and interest on the Bonds will be paid to DTC by the Board or its designated paying agent. Interest on the Bonds will be credited to the participants of DTC as listed on the records of DTC as of each next preceding February 1 and August 1 (the "Record Dates" for the payment of interest on the Bonds). The Bonds shall not be subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities. See "DESCRIPTION OF THE BONDS-Redemption" herein.

The Bonds are general obligations of the Board, and the full faith and credit of the Board are irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds. Payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, if not paid from other sources, are payable from ad valorem taxes to be levied upon all taxable real property located within the School District, without limitation as to rate or amount. The Bonds are also entitled to the benefits of and are secured under the provisions of the New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act, N.J.S.A. 18A: 56-17 et seq. See "DESCRIPTION OF THE BONDS—New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act" herein.

**MATURITIES, AMOUNTS,
INTEREST RATES AND YIELDS**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>
2012	\$90,000	%		2020	\$140,000	%	
2013	95,000			2021	150,000		
2014	100,000			2022	155,000		
2015	105,000			2023	160,000		
2016	110,000			2024	170,000		
2017	115,000			2025	180,000		
2018	120,000			2026	179,000		
2019	130,000						

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued, and delivered to the Underwriter, subject to prior sale, to withdrawal or modification of the offer without notice and to the approval of legality by the law firm of McManimon & Scotland, L.L.C., Newark, New Jersey, and certain other conditions described herein. Delivery is anticipated to be at the offices of the Board's Bond Counsel, McManimon & Scotland, L.L.C., or at such other place as agreed to with the Underwriter on or about August 26, 2010.

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS WILL BE RECEIVED VIA PARITY UNTIL 11:00 A.M. ON AUGUST 11, 2010. FOR
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References in this Official Statement to laws, rules, regulations, resolutions, agreements, reports and documents do not purport to be comprehensive or definitive. All references to such documents are qualified in their entirety by reference to the particular document, the full text of which may contain qualifications of and exceptions to statements made herein, and copies of which may be inspected at the offices of the Board of Education during normal business hours.

This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of the Bonds in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for any person to make such an offer, solicitation or sale. No dealer, broker, salesperson or other person has been authorized to give any information or to make any representations other than as contained in this Official Statement. If given or made, such other information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the Board of Education or the Underwriter.

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**OFFICIAL STATEMENT
OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SHAMONG
IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY
\$1,999,000
SCHOOL BONDS
(NON-CALLABLE) (BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY ISSUE) (BANK QUALIFIED)**

INTRODUCTION

This Official Statement, which includes the front cover page and the appendices attached hereto, has been prepared by The Board of Education of the Township of Shamong in the County of Burlington, New Jersey (the "Board" or "Board of Education" when referring to the governing body and legal entity and the "School District" when referring to the territorial boundaries governed by the Board) in connection with the sale and issuance of its \$1,999,000 School Bonds (the "Bonds"). This Official Statement has been executed by and on behalf of the Board by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and its distribution and use in connection with the sale of the Bonds has been authorized by the Board.

This Official Statement contains specific information relating to the Bonds including their general description, certain matters affecting the financing, certain legal matters, historical financial information and other information pertinent to this issue. This Official Statement should be read in its entirety.

All financial and other information presented herein has been provided by the Board from its records, except for information expressly attributed to other sources. The presentation of information is intended to show recent historic information and, but only to the extent specifically provided herein, certain projections into the immediate future, and is not necessarily indicative of future or continuing trends in the financial position of the Board.

DESCRIPTION OF THE BONDS

The following is a summary of certain provisions of the Bonds. Reference is made to the Bonds themselves for the complete text thereof, and the discussion herein is qualified in its entirety by such reference.

Terms and Interest Payment Dates

The Bonds shall be dated August 26, 2010 and shall mature on February 15 in each of the years and in the amounts set forth on the front cover page hereof. The Bonds shall bear interest from August 26, 2010, which interest shall be payable semi-annually on the fifteenth day of February and August commencing on August 15, 2011 (each an "Interest Payment Date"), in each of the years and at the interest rates set forth on the front cover page hereof in each year until maturity by the Board or a duly appointed paying agent to the registered owners of the Bonds as of each February 1 and August 1 immediately preceding the respective Interest Payment Dates (the "Record Dates"). So long as The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC") or its nominee is the registered owner of the Bonds, payments of the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be made by the Board or a designated paying agent directly to DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co., which will in turn remit such payments to DTC Participants, which will in turn remit such payments to the beneficial owners of the Bonds. *See* "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein.

The Bonds will be issued in fully registered book-entry-only form without certificates. One certificate shall be issued for the aggregate principal amount of Bonds maturing in each year and, when issued, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC. DTC will act as Securities Depository for the Bonds. The certificates will be on deposit with DTC. DTC will be responsible for maintaining a book-entry system for recording the interests of its participants and transfers of the interests among its participants. The participants will be responsible for maintaining records regarding the beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds on behalf of the individual purchasers. Individual purchases may be made in the principal amount of \$1,000 integrals, with a

minimum purchase of \$5,000, through book entries made on the books and the records of DTC and its participants. Individual purchasers of the Bonds will not receive certificates representing their beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds, but each book-entry owner will receive a credit balance on the books of its nominee, and this credit balance will be confirmed by an initial transaction statement stating the details of the Bonds purchased. See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein.

Redemption

The Bonds are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities.

Security for the Bonds

The Bonds are valid and legally binding general obligations of the Board, and the Board has irrevocably pledged its full faith and credit for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds. Unless paid from other sources, the principal of and interest on the Bonds are payable from *ad valorem* taxes levied upon all the taxable property within the School District without limitation as to rate or amount.

New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act (N.J.S.A. 18A:56-17 et seq.)

All school bonds are secured by the School Bond Reserve established in the Fund for the Support of Free Public Schools of the State of New Jersey (the "Fund") in accordance with the New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act, N.J.S.A. 18A:56-17 et seq. (P.L. 1980, c. 72, approved July 16, 1980, as amended by P.L. 2003, c. 118, approved July 1, 2003 (the "Act")). Amendments to the School Bond Reserve Act provide that the Fund will be divided into two School Bond Reserve accounts. All bonds issued prior to July 1, 2003 shall be benefited by a School Bond Reserve account funded in an amount equal to 1-1/2% of the aggregate issued and outstanding bonded indebtedness of counties, municipalities or school districts for school purposes issued prior to July 1, 2003 (the "Old School Bond Reserve Account") and all bonds, including the Bonds, issued on or after July 1, 2003 shall be benefited by a School Bond Reserve account equal to 1% of the aggregate issued and outstanding bonded indebtedness of counties, municipalities or school districts for school purposes issued on or after July 1, 2003 (the "New School Bond Reserve Account"), provided such amounts do not exceed the moneys available in the Fund. If a municipality, county or school district is unable to make payment of principal of or interest on any of its bonds issued for school purposes, the trustees of the Fund will purchase such bonds at par value and will pay to the bondholders the interest due or to become due within the limits of funds available in the applicable School Bond Reserve account in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

The Act provides that the School Bond Reserve shall be composed entirely of direct obligations of the United States government or obligations guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the United States government. Securities representing at least one-third of the minimal market value to be held in the School Bond Reserve shall be due to mature within one year of issuance or purchase. Beginning with the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2003 and continuing on each June 30 thereafter, the State Treasurer shall calculate the amount necessary to fully fund the Old School Bond Reserve Account and the New School Bond Reserve Account as required pursuant to the Act. To the extent moneys are insufficient to maintain each account in the Reserve at the required levels, the State agrees that the State Treasurer shall, no later than September 15 of the fiscal year following the June 30 calculation date, pay to the trustees for deposit in the School Bond Reserve such amounts as may be necessary to maintain the Old School Bond Reserve Account and the New School Bond Reserve Account at the levels required by the Act. No moneys may be borrowed from the Fund to provide liquidity to the State unless the Old School Bond Reserve Account and New School Bond Reserve Account each are at the levels certified as full funding on the most recent June 30 calculation date. The amount of the School Bond Reserve in each account is pledged as security for the prompt payment to holders of bonds benefited by such account of the principal of and the interest on such bonds in the event of the inability of the issuer to make such payments. In the event the amounts in either the Old School Bond Reserve Account or the New School Bond Reserve Account fall below the amount required to make payments on bonds, the amounts in both accounts are available to make payments for bonds secured by the reserve.

The Act further provides that the amount of any payment of interest or purchase price of school bonds paid pursuant to the Act shall be deducted from the appropriation or apportionment of State aid, other than certain State aid which may be otherwise restricted pursuant to law, payable to the district, county or municipality and shall not obligate the State to make, nor entitle the district, county or municipality to receive any additional appropriation or apportionment. Any amount so deducted shall be applied by the State Treasurer to satisfy the obligation of the district, county or municipality arising as a result of the payment of interest or purchase price of bonds pursuant to the Act.

Authorization and Purpose

The Bonds have been authorized and are being issued pursuant to Title 18A, Chapter 24 of the New Jersey Statutes (N.J.S.A. 18A:24-1 *et seq.*), a proposal adopted by the Board on June 16, 2009 and approved by a majority of the legal voters present and voting at the school district election held on September 29, 2009 and by a resolution duly adopted by the Board on June 15, 2010 (the “Resolution”).

The purpose of the Bonds is to (a) currently refund and redeem all of the \$1,200,000 Temporary Notes of the Board dated March 10, 2010 and maturing September 10, 2010; and (b) to finance (i) improvements, renovations and site work to the Indian Mills Elementary School and to the Indian Mills Memorial Middle School, as well as the acquisition of the necessary equipment and furniture and (ii) the installation of solar energy panels and related work at the Indian Mills Elementary School and at the Indian Mills Memorial Middle School. The total cost of the project is \$2,560,467. The project will be permanently funded through the issuance of the Bonds and will be funded, in part, by a \$560,827 grant from the State of New Jersey for the improvements described in subsection (b)(i) hereof, and the remaining \$640 will be made available from other funds of the Board. The State debt service aid percentage will equal 40% of the annual debt service due on the final eligible costs of the solar energy improvements. However, debt service aid for the 2011 fiscal year will be reduced by 15%. See “SUMMARY OF STATE AID TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS” herein.

BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM¹

The following description of the procedures and record keeping with respect to beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds, payment of principal and interest, and other payments on the Bonds to DTC Participants or Beneficial Owners defined below, confirmation and transfer of beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds and other related transactions by and between DTC, DTC Participants and Beneficial Owners, is based on certain information furnished by DTC to the Board. Accordingly, the Board does not make any representations concerning these matters.

DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered Bond certificate will be issued for each maturity of each series of the Bonds, each in the aggregate principal amount of such maturity, and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC, the world's largest depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a “banking organization” within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a “clearing corporation” within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a “clearing agency” registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC's participants (“Direct Participants”) deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The

¹ Source: The Depository Trust Company

Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (“DTCC”). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks and trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly (“Indirect Participants”). DTC has Standard & Poor’s highest rating: AAA. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com and www.dtc.org.

Purchases of the Bonds under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Bonds on DTC’s records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Bond (“Beneficial Owner”) is in turn to be recorded on the Direct Participants’ and Indirect Participants’ records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct Participant or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interest in the Bonds are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct Participants and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in the Bonds, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Bonds is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Bonds deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC’s partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Bonds with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Bonds; DTC’s records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Bonds are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct Participants or Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to Bonds unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC’s procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the School District as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.’s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts the Bonds are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments on the Bonds will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC’s practice is to credit Direct Participants’ accounts upon DTC’s receipt of funds and in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC’s records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as in the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in “street name,” and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC, the Paying Agent, or the Board, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the Board or the Paying Agent, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct Participants and Indirect Participants.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to the Board or the Paying Agent. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, Bond certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

The Board may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, Bond certificates will be printed and delivered.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry-only system has been obtained from sources that the School District believes to be reliable, but the Board takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

Discontinuance of Book-Entry-Only System

In the event that the book-entry-only system is discontinued and the Beneficial Owners become registered owners of the Bonds, the following provisions apply: (i) the Bonds may be exchanged for an equal aggregate principal amount of Bonds in other authorized denominations and of the same maturity, upon surrender thereof at the office of the Board/paying agent; (ii) the transfer of any Bonds may be registered on the books maintained by the paying agent for such purposes only upon the surrender thereof to the Board/paying agent together with the duly executed assignment in form satisfactory to the Board/paying agent; and (iii) for every exchange or registration of transfer of Bonds, the Board/paying agent may make a charge sufficient to reimburse for any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such exchange or registration of transfer of the Bonds. Interest on the Bonds will be payable by check or draft, mailed on each Interest Payment Date to the registered owners thereof as of the close of business on the fifteenth (15th) day, whether or not a business day, of the calendar month next preceding an Interest Payment Date.

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE BOARD

The Board consists of five members elected to three-year terms. The purpose of the School District is to educate students in grades kindergarten through eight. The superintendent of the School District is appointed by the Board and is responsible for the administrative control of the School District.

The School District is a Type II school district and provides a full range of educational services appropriate to kindergarten (K) through grade eight (8), including regular and special education programs. After grade eight, the students attend the Lenape Regional High School District. The School District is coterminous with the boundaries of the Township of Shamong (the "Township"), in the County of Burlington.

THE STATE'S ROLE IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

The constitution of the State of New Jersey provides that the legislature of the State shall provide for the maintenance and support of a thorough and efficient system of free public schools for the instruction of all children in the State between the ages of 5 and 18 years. Case law has expanded the responsibility to include children between the ages of 3 and 21.

The responsibilities of the State with respect to the general supervision and control of public education have been delegated to the New Jersey Department of Education (the "Department"), which is a part of the executive branch of the State government and was created by the State Legislature. The Department is governed and guided by the policies set forth by the New Jersey Board of Education (the "State Board"). The State Board is responsible for the general supervision and control of public education and is obligated to formulate plans and to make recommendations for the unified, continuous and efficient development of public education of all people of all ages within the State. To fulfill these responsibilities, the State Board has the power, *inter alia*, to adopt rules and regulations that have the effect of law and that are binding upon school districts.

The Commissioner of Education (the "Commissioner") is the chief executive and administrative officer of the Department. The Commissioner is appointed by the Governor of the State with the advice and consent of the State Senate, and serves at the pleasure of the Governor during the Governor's term of office. The Commissioner is Secretary and Chief Executive Officer of the State Board and is responsible for the supervision of all school districts in the State and is obligated to enforce the rules and regulations of the State Board. The Commissioner has

the authority to recommend the withholding of State financial aid and the Commissioner's consent is required for authorization to sell school bonds that exceed the debt limit of the municipality in which the school district is located and may also set the amount to be raised by taxation for a board of education if a school budget has not been adopted by a board of school estimate or by the voters.

An Executive County Superintendent of Schools (the "County Superintendent") is appointed for each county in the State by the Governor, upon the recommendation of the Commissioner and with the advice and consent of the State Senate. The County Superintendent reports to the Commissioner or a person designated by the Commissioner. The County Superintendent is responsible for the daily supervision of the school districts in the county and is charged with the enforcement of rules pertaining to the certification of teachers, pupil registers and financial reports and the review of budgets. Under the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, P.L. 2007, c. 63 approved April 3, 2007 (A4), the role of the county superintendent was changed to create the post of the Executive County Superintendent with expanded powers for the operation and management of school districts to, among other things, promote administrative and operational efficiencies, eliminate non-operating school districts and recommend a school district consolidation plan to eliminate districts through the establishment or enlargement of regional school districts, subject to voter approval.

STRUCTURE OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN NEW JERSEY

Categories of School Districts

State school districts are characterized by the manner in which the board of education or the governing body, takes office. School districts are principally categorized in the following categories:

(1) Type I, in which the mayor or chief executive officer ("CEO") of a municipality appoints the members of a board of education and a board of school estimate, which board of school estimate consists of two (2) members of the board of education, two (2) members of the governing body of the municipality and the mayor or CEO of the municipality comprising the school district, approves all fiscal matters;

(2) Type II, in which the registered voters in a school district elect the members of a board of education and either (a) the registered voters also vote upon all fiscal matters, or (b) a board of school estimate, consisting of two (2) members of the governing body of and the CEO of each municipality within the district and the president of and one member of the board of education, approves all fiscal matters;

(3) Regional and consolidated school districts comprising the territorial boundaries of more than one municipality in which the registered voters in the school district elect members of the board of education and vote upon all fiscal matters. Regional school districts may be "All Purpose Regional School Districts" or "Limited Purpose Regional School Districts";

(4) State operated school districts created by the State Board, pursuant to State law, when a local board of education cannot or will not correct severe educational deficiencies;

(5) County vocational school districts have boards of education consisting of the County Superintendent and four (4) members unless it is a county of the first class, which adopted an ordinance, in which case it can have a board consisting of seven (7) appointed members which the board of chosen freeholders of the county appoints. Such vocational school districts shall also have a board of school estimate, consisting of two (2) members appointed by the board of education of the school district, two (2) members appointed by the board of chosen freeholders and a fifth member being the county executive or the director of the board of chosen freeholders of the county, which approves all fiscal matters;

(6) County special services school districts have boards of education consisting of the County Superintendent and six (6) persons appointed by the board of chosen freeholders of the county. Such special services school districts shall also have a board of school estimate, consisting of two (2) members appointed by the

board of education of the school, two (2) members appointed by the board of chosen freeholders and a fifth member being the freeholder-director of the board of chosen freeholders, which approves all fiscal matters.

There is a procedure whereby a Type I school district or a Type II school district may change from one type to the other after an approving public referendum. Such a public referendum must be held whenever directed by the municipal governing body or board of education in a Type I district, or the board of education in a Type II district, or when petitioned for by fifteen percent (15%) of the voters of any school district. The School District is a Type II school district.

Under the Uniform Services and Consolidation Act, the Executive County Superintendent is required to eliminate non-operating school districts and to recommend consolidation to eliminate districts though the establishment or enlargement of regional school districts, subject to voter approval.

School Budgetary Process (N.J.S.A. 18A:22-1 et seq.)

In a Type I school district, a separate body from the school district, known as the board of school estimate, examines the budget requests and fixes the appropriation amounts for the next year's operating budget at or after a public hearing. This board, whose composition is fixed by statute, certifies the budget to the municipal governing body or Board. If the Board disagrees with the certified budget of the board of school estimate, then it can appeal to the Commissioner to request changes.

In a Type II district, the elected Board develops the budget proposal and, at or after a public hearing, submits it for voter approval. Debt service provisions are not subject to public referendum. If approved, the budget goes into effect. If defeated, the governing bodies of the constituent municipalities must develop the school budget by May 19 of each year. Should the governing bodies be unable to do so, the Commissioner establishes the local school budget.

SUMMARY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS FOR THE PROTECTION OF SCHOOL DEBT

Levy and Collection of Taxes

School districts in the State do not levy or collect taxes to pay those budgeted amounts that are not provided by the State. The municipality within which a school district is situated levies or collects the required taxes and must remit them in full to the school district.

Budgets and Appropriations

School districts in the State must operate on an annual cash basis budget. Each school district must adopt an annual budget in such detail and upon forms as prescribed by the Commissioner, to which must be attached an itemized statement showing revenues, including State and Federal aid, and expenditures. The Commissioner must approve a budget prior to its final adoption and has the power to increase or decrease individual line items in a budget. Any amendments to a school district's budget must be approved by the Board or the board of school estimate, as the case may be. Every budget submitted must provide no less than the minimum permissible amount deemed necessary under State law to provide for a thorough and efficient education as mandated by the State constitution. The Commissioner may not approve any budget unless the Commissioner is satisfied that the district has adequately implemented within the budget the Core Curriculum Content Standards required by State law. If necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to order changes in the local school district's budget. The Commissioner will also ensure that other provisions of law are met including the limitations on taxes and spending explained below.

Tax and Spending Limitations

The Public School Education Act of 1975, N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-1 *et seq.*, P.L. 1975, c. 212 (amended and partially repealed) first limited the amount of funds that could be raised by a local school district. It limited the annual increase of any school district's net current expense budget. The budgetary limitation was known as a "CAP" on expenditures. The "CAP" was intended to control the growth in local property taxes. Subsequently there have been numerous legislative changes as to how the spending limitations would be applied.

The Quality Education Act of 1990, N.J.S.A. 18A:7D-1 *et seq.*, P.L. 1990, c. 52 (now repealed) also limited the annual increase in the school district's current expense and capital outlay budgets by a statutory formula linked to the annual percentage increase in per capita income. The QEA was amended and revised by chapter 62 of the Laws of New Jersey of 1991, and further amended by chapter 7 of the Laws of New Jersey of 1993.

The Comprehensive Educational Improvement and Financing Act of 1996, N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-1 *et seq.*, P.L. 1996, c. 138 (CEIFA), (as amended by P.L. 2004, c.73, effective July 1, 2004), which followed QEA, also limited the annual increase in a school district's net budget by a spending growth limitation. CEIFA limited the amount school districts could increase their annual current expenses and capital outlay budgets, defined as a school district's Spending Growth Limitation. Generally, budgets could increase by either a set percent or the consumer price index, whichever was greater. Amendments to CEIFA lowered the budget cap to 2.5% from 3%. Budgets could also increase because of certain adjustments for enrollment increases, certain capital outlay expenditures, pupil transportation costs, and special education costs that exceeded \$40,000 per pupil. Waivers were available from the Commissioner based on increasing enrollments and other fairly narrow grounds and increases higher than the cap could be approved by a vote of 60% at the annual school election.

P.L. 2007, c. 62, effective April 3, 2007 (Assembly Bill A1), provided additional limitations on school district spending by limiting the amount a school district could raise for school district purposes through the property tax levy by 4% over the prior budget year's tax levy. P.L. 2007, c. 62 provided for adjustments to the cap for increases in enrollment, reductions in State aid and increased health care costs and for certain other extraordinary cost increases that required approved by the Commissioner. The bill granted discretion to the Commissioner to grant other waivers from the cap for increases in special education costs, capital outlay, and tuition charges. The Commissioner also had the ability to grant extraordinary waivers to the tax levy cap for certain other cost increases beginning in fiscal year 2009 through 2012.

P.L. 2007, c. 62 was deemed to supersede the prior limitations on the amount school districts could increase their annual current expenses and capital outlay budgets, known as a school district's spending growth limitation amount, created by CEIFA (as amended by P.L. 2004, c.73, effective July 1, 2004). However, Chapter 62 was in effect only through fiscal year 2012.. Without an extension of Chapter 62 by the legislature, the spending growth limitations on the general fund and capital outlay budget would be in effect.

Debt service was not limited either by the Spending Growth Limitations or the 4% Cap on the tax levy increase imposed by Chapter 62.

The previous legislation has now been amended by P.L. 2010, c. 44, approved July 13, 2010 and applicable to the next local budget year following enactment. The new law will limit the school district tax levy for the general fund budget to increases of 2% over the prior budget year with exceptions only for enrollment increases, increases for certain normal and accrued liability for pension contributions in excess of 2%, certain healthcare increases, and amounts approved by a simple majority of voters voting at a special election. The process for obtaining waivers from the Commissioner for additional increases over the tax levy or spending limitations has been eliminated under Chapter 44..

The restrictions are solely on the tax levy for the general fund and are not applicable to the debt service fund. There are no restrictions on a local school district's ability to raise funds for debt service, and nothing would limit the obligation of a school district to levy ad valorem taxes upon all taxable real

property within the district to pay debt service on its bonds or notes.

Issuance of Debt

Among the provisions for the issuance of school debt are the following requirements: (i) bonds must mature in serial installments within the statutory period of usefulness of the projects being financed but not exceeding forty (40) years, (ii) debt must be authorized by a resolution of a Board (and approved by a board of school estimate in a Type I school district), and (iii) there must be filed with the State by each municipality comprising a school district a Supplemental Debt Statement and a school debt statement setting forth the amount of bonds and notes authorized but unissued and outstanding for such school district.

Annual Audit (N.J.S.A. 18A:23-1 et seq.)

Every Board is required to provide an annual audit of the school district's accounts and financial transactions. A licensed public school accountant must perform the audit no later than four (4) months after the end of the school fiscal year. The audit, in conformity with statutory requirements, must be filed with the Board and the Commissioner. Additionally, the audit must be summarized and discussed at a regular public meeting of the local Board within thirty (30) days following receipt of the annual audit by such Board.

Temporary Financing (N.J.S.A. 18A:24-3)

Temporary notes may be issued in anticipation of the issuance of permanent bonds for a capital improvement or capital project. Such temporary notes may not exceed in the aggregate the amount of bonds authorized for such improvement or project. A school district's temporary notes may be issued for one (1) year periods, with the final maturity not exceeding five (5) years from the date of original issuance; provided, however, that no such notes shall be renewed beyond the third anniversary date of the original notes unless an amount of such notes, at least equal to the first legally payable installment of the bonds in anticipation of which said notes are issued, is paid and retired subsequent to such third anniversary date from funds other than the proceeds of obligations. School districts may not capitalize interest on temporary notes, but must include in each annual budget the amount of interest due and payable in each fiscal year on all outstanding temporary notes.

Debt Limitation (N.J.S.A. 18A:24-19)

Except as provided below, no additional debt shall be authorized if the principal amount, when added to the net debt previously authorized, exceeds a statutory percentage of the average equalized valuation of taxable property in a school district. As a kindergarten (K) through grade eight (8) school district, the School District can borrow up to 3% of the average equalized valuation of taxable property in the School District. The School District has not exceeded its 3% debt limit. *See* "APPENDIX A – Debt Limit of the School District."

Exceptions to Debt Limitation

A Type II school district, (other than a regional district), may also utilize its constituent municipality's remaining statutory borrowing power (i.e. the excess of 3.5% of the average equalized valuation of taxable property within the constituent municipality over the constituent municipality's net debt). The School District has not utilized the Township's borrowing margin. A school district may also authorize debt in excess of this limit with the consent of the Commissioner and the Local Finance Board.

Capital Lease Financing

School districts are permitted to enter into lease purchase agreements for the acquisition of equipment or for the improvement of school buildings. Generally, lease purchase agreements cannot exceed five years except for certain energy-saving equipment which may be leased for up to fifteen (15) years if paid from energy savings. Lease purchase agreements for a term of five (5) years or less must be approved by the Commissioner. The

Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, P.L.2000, c. 72, repealed the authorization to enter into facilities leases in excess of five years. The payment of rent on an equipment lease and on a five year and under facilities lease is treated as a current expense and within the school district's Spending Growth Limitation and tax levy cap. Lease purchase payments on leases in excess of five years entered into under prior law (CEIFA) are treated as debt service payments and, therefore, will receive debt service aid if the school district is entitled and are outside the school district's Spending Growth Limitation and tax levy cap.

Energy Saving Obligations

Under P.L. 2009, c. 4, approved January 21, 2009 and effective 60 days thereafter, districts may issue energy savings obligations without voter approval to fund certain improvements that result in reduced energy use, facilities for production of renewable energy or water conservation improvements provided that the value of the savings will cover the cost of the measures.

SUMMARY OF STATE AID TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS

In 1973, the Supreme Court of the State of New Jersey (the "Court") first ruled in Robinson v. Cahill that the method then used to finance public education principally through property taxation was unconstitutional. Pursuant to the Court's ruling, the State Legislature enacted the Public School Education Act of 1975, N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-1 et seq., (P.L. 1975, c. 212) (the "Public School Education Act") (since amended and partially repealed), which required funding of the State's school aid through the New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act, P. L.1976, c. 47, since amended and supplemented, enacted for the purpose of providing property tax relief.

On June 5, 1990, the Court ruled in Abbott v. Burke that the school aid formula enacted under the Public School Education Act was unconstitutional as applied. The Court found that poorer urban school districts were significantly disadvantaged under that school funding formula because school revenues were derived primarily from property taxes. The Court found that wealthy school districts were able to spend more, yet tax less for educational purposes.

Since that time there has been much litigation and many cases affecting the State's responsibilities to fund public education and many legislative attempts to distribute State aid in accordance with the court cases and the constitutional requirement. The cases addressed not only current operating fund aid but also addressed the requirement to provide facilities aid as well. The legislation has included the Quality Education Act of 1990, N.J.S.A. 18A:7D-1 et seq., (P.L. 1990, c. 52) ("QEA") (now repealed), the Comprehensive Educational Improvement and Financing Act of 1996, N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-1 et seq., (P.L. 1996, c. 138) (CEIFA) and the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, (P.L. 2000, c. 72) ("EFCFA"), which became law on July 18, 2000. For the past several years aid was simply determined in the State Budget, which itself is an act of the legislature, based upon amounts provided in prior years. The most current school funding formula, provided in the School Funding Reform Act of 2008, P.L. 2007, c. 260 approved January 1, 2008 (A500), attempts to remove the special status given to certain districts known as Abbot Districts after the school funding cases and instead has funding follow students with certain needs and provides aid in a way that takes into account the ability of the local district to raise local funds to support the budget in amounts deemed adequate to provide for a thorough and efficient education as required by the State constitution. This legislation was recently challenged in the Court, and the Court held that the State's plan for school aid is a "constitutionally adequate scheme."

Notwithstanding over 35 years of litigation, the State provides State aid to school districts of the State in amounts provided in the State Budget each year. These now include equalization aid, special education categorical aid, transportation aid, preschool education aid, instructional supplement aid, supplemental core curriculum standards aid, distance learning network aid, bilingual aid, security aid, adjustment aid and other aid determined in the discretion of the Commissioner.

State law requires that the State will provide aid for the construction of school facilities (Facilities Aid) in an amount equal to the greater of the district aid percentage or 40% times the eligible costs determined by the Commissioner of Education either in the form of a grant or debt service aid as determined under the Education

Facilities Construction and Financing Act of 2001. The amount of the aid to which a district is entitled is established prior to the authorization of the project. Grant funding is provided by the State up front and debt service aid must be appropriated annually by the State.

The Governor of the State has announced his intention to reduce facilities aid by 15%. This would reduce debt service aid by 15% in fiscal year 2011, and school districts receiving aid financed through the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, such as grants, will be assessed an amount representing 15% of their proportionate share of the fiscal 2011 principal and interest payments on the outstanding bonds issued for the program.

SUMMARY OF FEDERAL AID TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Federal funds are available for certain programs approved by the Federal government with allocation decided by the State, which assigns a proportion to each local school district. The Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended and restated by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C.A. § 6301 et seq., is a Federal assistance program for which a school district qualifies to receive aid. A remedial enrichment program for children of low income families is available under Chapter 1 Aid. Such Federal aid is generally received in the form of block grants. Aid is also provided under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act although never in the amounts federal law required.

MUNICIPAL FINANCE - FINANCIAL REGULATION OF COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES

Local Bond Law (N. J. S. A. 40A:2-1 et seq.)

The Local Bond Law governs the issuance of bonds and notes to finance certain general municipal and utility capital expenditures. Among its provisions are requirements that bonds must mature within the statutory period of usefulness of the projects bonded and that bonds be retired in serial installments. A 5% cash down payment is generally required toward the financing of expenditures for municipal purposes subject to a number of exceptions. All bonds and notes issued by the Township are general full faith and credit obligations.

The authorized bonded indebtedness of the Township for municipal purposes is limited by statute, subject to the exceptions noted below, to an amount equal to 3-1/2% of its average equalized valuation basis. The Township has not exceeded its statutory debt limit.

Certain categories of debt are permitted by statute to be deducted for purposes of computing the statutory debt limit, including school bonds that do not exceed the school bond borrowing margin and certain debt that may be deemed self-liquidating.

The Township may exceed its debt limit with the approval of the Local Finance Board, a State regulatory agency, and as permitted by other statutory exceptions. If all or any part of a proposed debt authorization would exceed its debt limit, the Township may apply to the Local Finance Board for an extension of credit. If the Local Finance Board determines that a proposed debt authorization would not materially impair the credit of the Township or substantially reduce the ability of the Township to meet its obligations or to provide essential public improvements and services, or if it makes certain other statutory determinations, approval is granted. In addition, debt in excess of the statutory limit may be issued by the Township to fund certain notes, to provide for self-liquidating purposes, and, in each fiscal year, to provide for purposes in an amount not exceeding 2/3 of the amount budgeted in such fiscal year for the retirement of outstanding obligations (exclusive of utility and assessment obligations).

The Township may sell short-term "bond anticipation notes" to temporarily finance a capital improvement or project in anticipation of the issuance of bonds if the bond ordinance or a subsequent resolution so provides. A

local unit's bond anticipation notes must mature within one year, but may be renewed or rolled over. Bond anticipation notes, including renewals, must mature and be paid no later than the first day of the fifth month following the close of the tenth fiscal year next following the date of the original notes. For bond ordinances adopted on or after February 3, 2003, notes may only be renewed beyond the third anniversary date of the original notes if a minimum payment equal to the first year's required principal payment on the bonds is paid to retire a portion of the notes on or before each subsequent anniversary date from funds other than the proceeds of bonds or notes. For bond ordinances adopted prior to February 3, 2003, the governing body may elect to make such minimum principal payment only when the notes are renewed beyond the third and fourth anniversary dates.

Local Budget Law (N. J. S. A. 40A:4-1 et seq.)

The foundation of the New Jersey local finance system is the annual cash basis budget. The Township, which operates on a calendar year (January 1 to December 31), must adopt a budget in the form required by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey (the "Division"). Certain items of revenue and appropriation are regulated by law and the proposed budget must be certified by the director of the Division ("Director") prior to final adoption. The Local Budget Law requires each local unit to appropriate sufficient funds for payment of current debt service, and the Director is required to review the adequacy of such appropriations among others, for certification.

Tax Anticipation Notes are limited in amount by law and must be paid off in full within 120 days of the close of the fiscal year.

The Director has no authority over individual operating appropriations, unless a specific amount is required by law, but the review functions focusing on anticipated revenues serve to protect the solvency of all local units.

The cash basis budgets of local units must be in balance, i.e., the total of anticipated revenues must equal the total of appropriations (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-22). If in any year a local unit's expenditures exceed its realized revenues for that year, then such excess must be raised in the succeeding year's budget.

The Local Budget Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-26) provides that no miscellaneous revenues from any source may be included as any anticipated revenue in the budget in excess of the amount actually realized in cash from the same source during the next preceding fiscal year, unless the Director determines that the facts clearly warrant the expectation that such excess amount will actually be realized in cash during the fiscal year and certifies that determination to the local unit.

No budget or budget amendment may be adopted unless the Director shall have previously certified his approval of such anticipated revenues except that categorical grants-in-aid contracts may be included for their face amount with an offsetting appropriation. The fiscal years for such grants rarely coincide with the municipality's calendar year. However, grant revenue is generally not realized until received in cash.

The same general principle that revenue cannot be anticipated in a budget in excess of that realized in the preceding year applies to property taxes. The maximum amount of delinquent taxes that may be anticipated is limited by a statutory formula, which allows the unit to anticipate collection at the same rate realized for the collection of delinquent taxes in the previous year. Also, the local unit is required to make an appropriation for a "reserve for uncollected taxes" in accordance with a statutory formula to provide for a tax collection in an amount that does not exceed the percentage of taxes levied and payable in the preceding fiscal year that was received in cash by the last day of that fiscal year. The budget also must provide for any cash deficits of the prior year.

Emergency appropriations (those made after the adoption of the budget and the determination of the tax rate) may be authorized by the governing body of the local unit. However, with minor exceptions, such appropriations must be included in full in the following year's budget. When such appropriations exceed 3% of the adopted operating budget, consent of the Director must be obtained.

The exceptions are certain enumerated quasi-capital projects (“special emergencies”) such as ice, snow, and flood damage to streets, roads and bridges, which may be amortized over three years, and tax map preparation, revaluation programs, revision and codification of ordinances, master plan preparations, and drainage map preparation for flood control purposes which may be amortized over five years. Emergency appropriations for capital projects may be financed through the adoption of a bond ordinance and amortized over the useful life of the project.

Budget transfers provide a degree of flexibility and afford a control mechanism. Transfers between appropriation accounts may be made only during the last two months of the year. Appropriation reserves may also be transferred during the first three (3) months of the year, to the previous years’ budget. Both types of transfers require a 2/3 vote of the full membership of the governing body; however, transfers cannot be made from either the down payment account or the capital improvement fund. Transfers may be made between sub-account line items within the same account at any time during the year, subject to internal review and approval. In a “CAP” budget, no transfers may be made from excluded from “CAP” appropriations to within “CAPS” appropriations nor can transfers be made between excluded from “CAP” appropriations.

A provision of law known as the New Jersey “Cap Law” (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.1 et seq.) imposes limitations on increases in municipal appropriations subject to various exceptions. The payment of debt service is an exception from this limitation. The Cap formula is somewhat complex, but basically, it permits a municipality to increase its overall appropriations by the lesser of 2.5% or the “Index Rate” if the index rate is greater than 2.5%. The “Index Rate” is the rate of annual percentage increase, rounded to the nearest one-half percent, in the Implicit Price Deflator for State and Local Government purchases of goods and services computed by the U.S. Department of Commerce. Exceptions to the limitations imposed by the Cap Law also exist for other things including capital expenditures; extraordinary expenses approved by the Local Finance Board for implementation of an interlocal services agreement; expenditures mandated as a result of certain emergencies; and certain expenditures for services mandated by law. Counties are also prohibited from increasing their tax levies by more than the lesser of 2.5% or the Index Rate subject to certain exceptions. Municipalities by ordinance approved by a majority of the full membership of the governing body may increase appropriations up to 3.5% over the prior year’s appropriation, and counties by resolution approved by a majority of the full membership of the governing body may increase the tax levy up to 3.5% over the prior years’ tax levy in years when the Index Rate is 2.5% or less.

Additionally, legislation constituting P.L. 2007, c. 62, effective April 3, 2007, imposed a 4% cap on the tax levy of a municipality, county, fire district or solid waste collection district, with certain exceptions and subject to a number of adjustments. The exclusions from the limit included increases required to be raised for debt service and certain lease payments to county improvement authorities, increases to replace certain lost state aid, increases in certain pension contributions, increases in the reserve for uncollected taxes required for municipalities, and certain increases in health care costs over 4%. The Local Finance Board was able to approve waivers for certain extraordinary costs identified by the statute, and voters could approve increases above 4% not otherwise permitted by a vote of 60% of the voters voting on a public question.

This legislation has now been amended by P.L. 2010, c. 44, approved July 13, 2010 and applicable to the next local budget year following enactment to limit tax levy increases for those local units to 2% with exceptions only for capital expenditures including debt service, increases in pension contributions and accrued liability for pension contributions in excess of 2%, certain healthcare increases, extraordinary costs directly related to a declared emergency and amounts approved by a simple majority of voters voting at a special election. Chapter 44 eliminates the process for obtaining waivers for additional spending under the tax levy limitation.

Neither the tax levy limitation nor the “Cap Law” limits, including the provisions of the recent legislation, would limit the obligation of the Township to levy ad valorem taxes upon all taxable real property within the Township to pay debt service on its bonds or notes.

Tax Assessment and Collection Procedure

Property valuations (assessments) are determined on true values as arrived at by a cost approach, market data approach and capitalization of net income, where appropriate. Current assessments are the results of new assessments on a like basis with established comparable properties for newly assessed or purchased properties. This method assures equitable treatment to like property owners, but it often results in a divergence of the assessment ratio to true value. Because of the changes in property resale values, annual adjustments could not keep pace with the changing values.

Upon the filing of certified adopted budgets by the Township’s Local School District and the County, the tax rate is struck by the Burlington County Board of Taxation based on the certified amounts in each of the taxing districts for collection to fund the budgets. The statutory provision for the assessment of property, levying of taxes and the collection thereof are set forth in N.J.S.A. 54:4-1 et seq. Special taxing districts are permitted in New Jersey for various special services rendered to the properties located within the special districts.

Tax bills are mailed annually in June by the Township’s Tax Collector. The taxes are due August 1 and November 1, respectively, and are adjusted to reflect the current calendar year’s total tax liability. The preliminary taxes due February 1 and May 1 of the succeeding year are based upon one-half of the current year’s total tax.

Tax installments not paid on or before the due date are subject to interest penalties of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00. These interest and penalties are the highest permitted under New Jersey statutes. If a delinquency is in excess of \$10,000.00 and remains in arrears after December 31st, an additional penalty of 6% shall be charged. Delinquent taxes open for one year or more are annually included in a tax sale in accordance with New Jersey Statutes.

Tax Appeals

The New Jersey Statutes provide a taxpayer with remedial procedures for appealing an assessment deemed excessive. Prior to February 1 in each year, the Township must mail to each property owner a notice of the current assessment and taxes on the property. The taxpayer has a right to petition the Burlington County Board of Taxation on or before April 1 for review. The County Board of Taxation has the authority after a hearing to decrease or reject the appeal petition. These adjustments are usually concluded within the current tax year and reductions are shown as canceled or remitted taxes for that year. If the taxpayer feels his petition was unsatisfactorily reviewed by the County Board of Taxation, appeal may be made to the Tax Court of New Jersey, for further hearing. Some State Tax Court appeals may take several years prior to settlement, and any losses in tax collections from prior years are charged directly to operations.

Local Fiscal Affairs Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:5-1 et seq.)

This law regulates the non-budgetary financial activities of local governments. The Chief Financial Officer of every local unit must file annually, with the Director, a verified statement of the financial condition of the local unit and all constituent boards, agencies or commissions.

An independent examination of each local unit accounts must be performed annually by a licensed registered municipal accountant. The audit, conforming to the Division of Local Government Services’ “Requirements of Audit”, includes recommendations for improvement of the local unit’s financial procedures and must be filed with the Director. A synopsis of the audit report, together with all recommendations made, must be published in a local newspaper within 30 days of its submission.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the Board for the year ended June 30, 2009, are presented in Appendix B to this Official Statement (the "Financial Statements"). The Financial Statements have been audited by Rodney R. Haines, CPA, of Holman & Frenia, P.C., Medford, New Jersey, an independent auditor (the "Auditor"), as stated in its report appearing in Appendix B to this Official Statement. *See* "APPENDIX B - Financial Statements of The Board of Education of the Township of Shamong in the County of Burlington, New Jersey".

LITIGATION

To the knowledge of the Board attorney, Frank P. Cavallo, Jr., Esq. of Parker McCay PA, Marlton, New Jersey (the "Board Attorney"), there is no litigation of any nature now pending or threatened, restraining or enjoining the issuance or the delivery of the Bonds, or the levy or the collection of any taxes to pay the principal of or the interest on the Bonds, or in any manner questioning the authority or the proceedings for the issuance of the Bonds or for the levy or the collection of taxes, or contesting the corporate existence or the boundaries of the Board or the School District or the title of any of the present officers. To the knowledge of the Board Attorney, no litigation is presently pending or threatened that, in the opinion of the Board Attorney, would have a material adverse impact on the financial condition of the Board if adversely decided. A certificate to such effect will be executed by the Board Attorney and delivered to the purchaser of the Bonds at the closing.

TAX EXEMPTION

Applicable federal tax law provides that interest on obligations such as the Bonds is not included in gross income for federal income tax purposes only if certain requirements are met. In its Certificate (the "Tax Certificate") as to Arbitrage and Compliance with the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), which will be delivered in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, the Issuer will make certain representations, certifications of fact, and statements of reasonable expectation in connection with the issuance of the Bonds and certain ongoing covenants to comply with applicable requirements of the Code to assure the exclusion of the interest on the Bonds from gross income under Section 103 of the Code. Failure to comply with certain requirements of the Code could cause interest on the Bonds to be includable in gross income for federal tax purposes retroactive to the date of the issuance of the Bonds. Failure to comply with certain requirements of the Code could cause interest on the Bonds to be includable in gross income for federal tax purposes retroactive to the date of the issuance of the Bonds.

In the opinion of McManimon & Scotland, L.L.C., Bond Counsel, in reliance on the representations, certifications of fact, and statements of reasonable expectation made by the Issuer in the Tax Certificate and assuming compliance by the Issuer with its ongoing covenants in the Tax Certificate under existing statutes, regulations, administrative pronouncements and judicial decisions, interest on the Bonds is not included in the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes pursuant to the Code and is not an item of tax preference to be included in calculating alternative minimum taxable income under the Code for purposes of the alternative minimum tax imposed with respect to individuals and corporations. Pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, interest on the Bonds held by corporate taxpayers is not included in the relevant income computation for calculation of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations as a result of interest on the Bonds not being included in "adjusted current earnings."

New Jersey Gross Income Tax

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, to be delivered simultaneously with the delivery of the Bonds, under existing law interest on the Bonds and any gain on the sale of the Bonds are not includable in gross income under the existing New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act.

Certain Federal Tax Consequences Relating to the Bonds

Although interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the accrual or receipt of interest on the Bonds may otherwise affect the federal income tax liability of the recipient. The nature and extent of these other tax consequences will depend upon the recipient's particular tax status or other items of income or deduction. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any such consequences. Purchasers of the Bonds, particularly purchasers that are corporations (including S corporations and foreign corporations operating branches in the United States), property or casualty insurance companies, banks, thrifts or other financial institutions and certain recipients of Social Security benefits, are advised to consult their own tax advisors as to the tax consequences of purchasing or holding the Bonds.

There can be no assurance that legislation will not be introduced or enacted after the issuance and delivery of the Bonds so as to affect adversely the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on the Bonds. Each purchaser of the Bonds should consult his or her own advisor regarding any changes in the status of pending or proposed federal tax legislation.

Bank Qualification

The Bonds will be designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" under Section 265 of the Code by the Issuer for an exemption from the denial of deduction for interest paid by financial institutions to purchase or to carry tax-exempt obligations.

The Code denies the interest deduction for certain indebtedness incurred by banks, thrift institutions and other financial institutions to purchase or to carry tax-exempt obligations. The denial to such institutions of one hundred percent (100%) of the deduction for interest paid on funds allocable to tax-exempt obligations applies to those tax-exempt obligations acquired by such institutions after August 7, 1986. For certain issues, which are eligible to be designated and which are designated by the issuer as qualified under Section 265 of the Code, eighty percent (80%) of such interest may be deducted as a business expense by such institutions.

Pursuant to a de minimis safe harbor exception contained in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, certain tax-exempt obligations issued in 2009 and 2010 are not taken into account for purposes of the denial of the interest deduction for certain indebtedness incurred by banks, thrift institutions and other financial institutions to purchase or to carry tax-exempt obligations, up to a maximum amount equal to 2% of the taxpayer's average adjusted bases of all its assets.

ALL POTENTIAL PURCHASERS OF THE BONDS SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEIR TAX ADVISORS IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND THE TAX IMPLICATIONS OF OWNERSHIP OF THE BONDS.

LEGALITY FOR INVESTMENT

The State and all public officers, municipalities, counties, political subdivisions and public bodies, and agencies thereof, all banks, bankers, trust companies, savings and loan associations, savings banks and institutions, building and loan associations, investment companies, and other persons carrying on banking business, all insurance companies, and all executors, administrators, guardians, trustees, and other fiduciaries may legally invest any sinking funds, moneys or other funds belonging to them or within their control in any obligations of the Board, including the Bonds, and such Bonds are authorized security for any and all public deposits.

MUNICIPAL BANKRUPTCY

The undertakings of the Board should be considered with reference to 11 U.S.C. 401, et seq., as amended and supplemented (the "Bankruptcy Code"), and other bankruptcy laws affecting creditors' rights and municipalities in general. The Bankruptcy Code permits the State or any political subdivision, public agency, or instrumentality that is insolvent or unable to meet its debts to commence a voluntary bankruptcy case by filing a petition with a bankruptcy court for the purpose of effecting a plan to adjust its debts; directs such a petitioner to file with the court

a list of petitioner's creditors; provides that a petition filed under this chapter shall operate as a stay of the commencement or continuation of any judicial or other proceeding against the petitioner; grants certain priority to debt owed for services or material; and provides that the plan must be accepted in writing by or on behalf of classes of creditors holding at least two-thirds in amount and more than one half in number of the allowed claims of such class. The Bankruptcy Code specifically does not limit or impair the power of a state to control, by legislation or otherwise, the procedures that a municipality must follow in order to take advantage of the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code.

The Bankruptcy Code provides that special revenue acquired by the debtor after the commencement of the case shall remain subject to any lien resulting from any security agreement entered into by such debtor before the commencement of such bankruptcy case. However, any such lien, other than municipal betterment assessments, shall be subject to the necessary operating expenses of such project or system. Furthermore, the Bankruptcy Code provides that a transfer of property of a debtor to or for the benefit of any holder of a bond or note, on account of such bond or note, may not be avoided pursuant to certain preferential transfer provisions set forth in such Bankruptcy Code.

Reference should also be made to N.J.S.A. 52:27-40 et seq., which provides that a local unit has the power to file a petition in bankruptcy with any United States Court or court in bankruptcy under the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, for the purpose of effecting a plan of readjustment of its debts or for the composition of its debts; provided, however, the approval of the Municipal Finance Commission must be obtained. The powers of the Municipal Finance Commission have been vested in the Local Finance Board.

Reference to the Bankruptcy Code or the State statute should not create any implication that the Board expects to utilize the benefits of their provisions.

APPROVAL OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

All legal matters incident to the authorization, the issuance, the sale and the delivery of the Bonds are subject to the approval of Bond Counsel to the Board, whose approving legal opinion will be delivered with the Bonds substantially in the form set forth as Appendix C. Certain legal matters will be passed on for the Board by its Board Attorney.

PREPARATION OF OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The Board hereby states that the descriptions and statements herein, including financial statements, are true and correct in all material respects, and it will confirm same to the purchasers of the Bonds by certificates signed by the Board President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

All other information has been obtained from sources that the Board considers to be reliable, and it makes no warranty, guaranty or other representation with respect to the accuracy and completeness of such information.

The Auditor has participated in the preparation of Appendix A and Appendix B of this Official Statement on behalf of the Board, but has not independently verified the accuracy, completeness or fairness thereof and, accordingly, takes no responsibility and expresses no opinion with respect thereto.

Bond Counsel has neither participated in the preparation of the financial or statistical information contained in this Official Statement, nor have they verified the accuracy, completeness or fairness thereof and, accordingly, expresses no opinion with respect thereto.

RATING

The Board has requested a rating from Standard & Poor's Rating Services, a division of the McGraw-Hill Companies (the "Rating Agency").

The rating will reflect only the view of the Rating Agency and an explanation of the significance of such rating may only be obtained from the Rating Agency. The Board furnished to the Rating Agency certain information and materials concerning the Bonds and the Board. There can be no assurance that the rating will continue for any given period of time or that the rating will not be revised downward entirely by the Rating Agency if, in their judgment, circumstances so warrant. Any downward change in or withdrawal of such rating may have an adverse effect on the marketability or market price of the Bonds.

SECONDARY MARKET DISCLOSURE

Solely for purposes of complying with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, as amended and interpreted from time to time (the "Rule"), and provided that the Bonds are not exempt from the Rule and provided that the Bonds are not exempt from the following requirements in accordance with paragraph (d) of the Rule, for so long as the Bonds remain outstanding (unless the Bonds have been wholly defeased), the Board shall provide for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds and the beneficial owners thereof:

(a) On or prior to February 1 of each year, beginning February 1, 2011, electronically to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board's Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system or such other repository designated by the SEC to be an authorized repository for filing secondary market disclosure information, if any, annual financial information with respect to the Board consisting of the audited financial statements (or unaudited financial statements if audited financial statements are not then available, which audited financial statements will be delivered when and if available) of the Board and certain financial information and operating data consisting of (1) Board and overlapping indebtedness including a schedule of outstanding debt issued by the Board; (2) the Board's most current adopted budget; (3) property valuation information; and (4) tax rate, levy and collection data. The audited financial statements will be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as modified by governmental accounting standards as may be required by New Jersey law.

(b) in a timely manner, to EMMA notice of the following events with respect to the Bonds, if material (herein "Material Events"):

- (1) Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (2) Non-payment related defaults;
- (3) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (4) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (5) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (6) Adverse tax opinions or events affecting the tax-exempt status of the security;
- (7) Modifications to rights of security holders;
- (8) Bond calls;
- (9) Defeasances;
- (10) Release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the securities; and
- (11) Rating changes.

(c) in a timely manner to EMMA, notice of failure of the Board to provide required annual financial information on or before the date specified in the Resolution.

(d) Any filing made pursuant to (a), (b) or (c) above shall be made as required by the Rule to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board and to provide such information in an electronic format and accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board or by compliance with any such other procedure as may be authorized by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

In the event that the Board fails to comply with the above-described undertaking and covenants, the Board shall not be liable for any monetary damages, remedy of the beneficial owners of the Bonds being specifically limited in the undertaking to specific performance of the covenants.

The undertaking may be amended by the Board from time to time, without the consent of the Bondholders or the beneficial owners of the Bonds, in order to make modifications required in connection with a change in legal requirements or change in law, which in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel complies with the Rule.

There can be no assurance that there will be a secondary market for the sale or purchase of the Bonds. Such factors as prevailing market conditions, financial condition or market position of firms who may make the secondary market and the financial condition of the Board may affect the future liquidity of the Bonds.

The Board is in compliance in connection with its prior undertakings.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Inquiries regarding this Official Statement, including information additional to that contained herein, may be directed to Michael J. Mados, Business Administrator/Board Secretary at (609) 268-0316.

CERTIFICATE WITH RESPECT TO THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT

At the time of the original delivery of the Bonds, the Board will deliver a certificate of one of its authorized officials to the effect that she has examined this Official Statement (including the Appendices) and the financial and other data concerning the School District contained herein and that, to the best of her knowledge and belief, (i) this Official Statement, both as of its date and as of the date of delivery of the Bonds, does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact necessary to make the statements herein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading and (ii) between the date of the Official Statement and the date of delivery of the Bonds there has been no material adverse change in the affairs (financial or other), financial condition or results or operations of the Board except as set forth in or contemplated by the Official Statement.

MISCELLANEOUS

This Official Statement is not to be construed as a contract or agreement between the Board and the purchasers or holders of any of the Bonds. Any statements made in this Official Statement involving matters of opinion, whether or not expressly so stated, are intended merely as opinions and not as representations of fact. The information and expressions of opinion contained herein are subject to change without notice and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale of Bonds made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Board since the date hereof. The information contained in this Official Statement is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SHAMONG IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY

By: _____
Michael J. Mados, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

APPENDIX A

Economic and Demographic Information Relating to the School District and the Township of Shamong

SCHOOL DISTRICT

General Information

Overview

The School District is governed by a Board of Education. The Board consists of five members elected to three-year terms. The purpose of the School District is to educate students in grades kindergarten through eight. The superintendent of the School District is appointed by the Board and is responsible for the administrative control of the School District.

The School District is a Type II school district and provides a full range of educational services appropriate to kindergarten (K) through grade eight (8), including regular and special education programs. After grade eight, the students attend the Lenape Regional High School District. The School District is coterminous with the boundaries of the Township of Shamong (the "Township"), in the County of Burlington.

Enrollment

Fiscal Year	Pupil Enrollment	% Change
2009	943	0.21%
2008	941	0.00%
2007	941	(2.69)%
2006	968	2.00%
2005	949	1.50%

Source: School District Records

Pension Plan/ Retirement Plan

Description of Plans – All required employees of the District are covered by either the Public Employees' Retirement System or the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund which have been established by state statute and are administered by the New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits (Division). According to the State of New Jersey Administrative Code, all obligations of both Systems will be assumed by the State of New Jersey should the Systems terminate. The Division issues a publicly available financial report that includes the financial statements and required supplementary information for the Public Employees Retirement System and the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund. These reports may be obtained by writing to the Division of Pensions and Benefits, P.O. Box 295, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625.

Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) – The Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund was established as of January 1, 1955, under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:66 to provide retirement benefits, death, disability and medical benefits to certain qualified members. The Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund is considered a cost-sharing multiple-employer plan with a special funding situation, as under current statute, all employer contributions are made by the State of New Jersey on behalf of the District and the systems' other related non-contributing employers. Membership is mandatory for substantially all teachers or members of the professional staff certified by the State Board of Examiners, and employees of the Department of Education who have titles that are unclassified, professional and certified.

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) – The Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) was established as of January 1, 1955 under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:15A to provide retirement, death, disability and medical benefits to certain qualified members. The Public Employees' Retirement System is a cost-sharing multiple-employer plan. Membership is mandatory for substantially all full-time employees of the State of New Jersey or any county, municipality, school district, or public agency, provided the employee is not required to be a member of another state-administered retirement system or other state or local jurisdiction.

GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE TOWNSHIP

GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE

Township of Shamong

The Township of Shamong (the "Township") is approximately 45 square miles and located in southern Burlington County approximately 30 miles east of Philadelphia and 125 miles south of New York City. The Township was incorporated in 1876.

The Township is governed by a Township Committee composed of four members and a Mayor, all of whom are elected at large.

ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

The following material presents certain economic and demographic information of the Township of Shamong.

Population

	Township		County		State	
Year	Population	% Change	Population	% Change	Population	% Change
2000	6,462	12.1%	423,394	7.17%	8,414,350	8.85%
1990	5,765	27.1%	395,066	8.97%	7,730,188	4.96%
1980	4,537	244.2%	362,542	12.2%	7,365,011	2.70%
1970	1,318	-	323,132	-	7,171,112	-

Source: US Census

Building Permits

Year	Number of Permits	Value of Construction
2009	299	4,419,560
2008	269	3,620,068
2007	345	4,235,374
2006	396	4,306,694

Source: Township Tax Assessor

Employment and Unemployment Comparisons

	Total Labor Force	Employed Labor Force	Total <u>Unemployed</u>	Unemployment <u>Rate</u>
Township				
2009	4,057	3,790	267	6.6%
2008	4,054	3,901	153	3.8%
2007	4,101	3,988	113	2.7%
2006	4,178	4,051	127	3.0%
County				
2009	241,797	221,132	20,665	8.5%
2008	240,083	228,071	12,012	5.0%
2007	240,531	231,465	9,066	3.8%
2006	245,661	235,648	10,013	4.1%
State				
2009	4,537,755	4,118,692	419,063	9.2%
2008	4,497,512	4,251,529	245,983	5.5%
2007	4,467,092	4,276,898	197,092	4.4%
2006	4,508,349	4,299,369	208,980	4.6%

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics**Largest Employers in the Township**

Employer	Type of Industry
Lenape Regional High School District	School District
Shamong Township Board of Education	School District
Giberson Plumbing	Construction
Jem Erectors	Construction
J & S Lawman	Landscaping-Seasonal
American BD Opici Wine Company	Wholesale Distribution
Shamong Manufacturing	Manufacturing

Source: Township Clerk

Ten Largest Taxpayers

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>
Verizon	1,083,133
Third Garden Park LTD	873,300
Fawn Lake, LLC	637,500
Taxpayer 4	617,200
Taxpayer 5	607,900
Taxpayer 6	600,200
Samrajya Farms	599,800
Taxpayer 8	591,100
Taxpayer 9	590,400
Taxpayer 10	561,400

Source: Municipal Tax Assessor**Comparisons of Tax Levies and Collections**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>	<u>Cash Collection</u>	<u>% of Collection</u>
2009	15,895,261	15,730,026	98.96%
2008	15,698,789	15,450,230	98.42%
2007	15,166,841	14,959,246	98.63%
2006	14,440,190	14,249,803	98.68%
2005	13,709,164	13,443,384	98.06%
2004	12,915,534	12,657,087	98.00%

Source: Municipal Audit**Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Lien**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount of Tax Lien</u>	<u>Amount of Delinquent Tax</u>	<u>% of Levy</u>
2009	66,637	203,109	1.70%
2008	60,464	275,520	2.14%
2007	54,334	248,916	2.00%
2006	53,024	249,494	2.09%
2005	48,228	234,470	2.06%
2004	46,353	237,248	2.20%

Source: Municipal Audit**Property Acquired by Tax Title Lien**

There are no properties presently undergoing foreclosure proceedings.

Net Assessed Valuations and Annual Tax Rates

Year	Net Assessed Valuation	Total Tax Rate	County	Local School	Municipal	Regional School	Municipal Open Space
2009	409,049,533	3.870	.766	2.068	.027	.989	.020
2008	406,565,721	3.787	.783	1.945	.058	.981	.020
2007	404,819,378	3.729	.783	1.945	-	.981	.020
2006	402,239,478	3.566	.727	1.888	-	.931	.020
2005	400,234,661	3.405	.690	1.746	-	.949	.020

Source: Municipal Audit**Real Property Classification**

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Vacant Land	4,870,250	5,112,250	5,262,250	5,202,250	5,163,850
Residential	377,772,700	374,996,100	372,814,200	370,185,700	367,840,900
Farm (Regular)	13,530,900	14,519,700	14,759,200	14,855,800	14,631,400
Farm (Qualified)	2,427,450	1,531,950	1,532,950	1,648,450	1,533,750
Commercial	7,994,900	7,994,900	7,994,900	7,994,900	8,007,700
Industrial	1,370,200	1,370,200	1,370,200	1,370,200	-
Utilities	1,083,133	1,040,621	1,085,678	1,082,448	-
Totals	409,049,533	406,565,721	404,819,378	402,239,748	400,234,661

Source: Township Tax Assessor**Ratio of Assessed Valuation to True Value**

Year	Aggregate Assessed Valuation (Net)	Ratio to True Value	Aggregate True Value Real Property
2009	409,049,533	49.59	824,425,417
2008	406,565,721	50.62	802,798,336
2007	404,819,378	53.97	749,753,178
2006	402,239,748	60.64	663,126,408
2005	400,234,661	66.53	601,410,251

Source: Abstract of Ratables, County Board of Taxation

**Statement of Indebtedness
As of December 31, 2009**

Gross Debt:

School Purposes:

Local School District Bonds

Bonds Issued & Outstanding \$5,980,346

Local School District Bonds

Bonds Issued & Outstanding 4,215,660

Gross Debt for School Purposes 10,196,006

Municipal General Purpose Debt

Green Trust Loan 280,828

Bonds & Notes Auth but Not Issued 74,250

Gross General Purpose Debt 355,078

Total Gross Debt 10,551,084

Less: Statutory Deductions

Local School Debt 5,980,346

Regional School Debt 4,215,660

Statutory Net Debt 355,078

Statutory Net Debt as a % of equalized value .04%

Average Equalized Valuation of Real Property

For the years 2007, 2008, 2009 802,654,244

*** Source: Municipal Debt Statements**

Township			
		Before	After
Borrowing Capacity:		<u>This Issue</u>	<u>This Issue</u>
Average Equalized Value		802,654,244	802,654,244
Township Statutory Borrowing Power			
3 ½% of Average Equalized Value		28,092,899	28,092,899
Net Debt		341,975	341,975
Remaining Borrowing Power		27,750,924	27,750,924
Board of Education Statutory Borrowing Power			
3% of Average Equalized Value		24,079,627	24,079,627
Net Debt		5,475,346	7,474,346
Remaining Borrowing Power		18,604,281	16,605,281
Use of Township's Borrowing Capacity			
Prior to the New Debt Issue		None	None
Use of Township's Borrowing Capacity		None	None
Remaining Borrowing Capacity After the New Debt Issue			N/A

OVERLAPPING DEB AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009			
Overlapping Debt of the Township was as follows:			382,986,680
County Net Debt			
Township of Shamong Share (1.57%)			
Township Share of County Debt			6,069,991
Total Net Overlapping Debt			
			6,059,991
Gross Debt (Municipal, Utility and School)			
Overlapping Debt:			
Shamong Township			355,078
Shamong Township Board of Education			5,980,346
Lenape Regional Board of Education			4,215,660
Combined Debt (Municipal Gross & Net Overlapping)			<u>16,611,075</u>
Statutory Net Debt-Municipal			355,078
Statutory Net Debt and Overlapping Debt			6,415,069
2009 Net Valuation Taxable			409,049,533
2009 Equalized Valuation of Real Property With Improvements			792,629,493
Combined Gross Debt as % of 2009 Equalized Valuation			2.10%
Net Debt per Capita			993

APPENDIX B

**Financial Statements of The Board of Education of the
Township of Shamong in the County of Burlington, New Jersey**



Certified Public Accountants & Consultants

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable President and Members
of the Board of Education
Shamong Township School District
County of Burlington
Shamong, New Jersey 08088

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Board of Education of the Shamong Township School District, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009, which collectively comprise the District's financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Board's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Governmental Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and audit requirements as prescribed by the Division of Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Board of Education of the Shamong Township School District, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as of June 30, 2009, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 14, 2009, on our consideration of the Shamong Township Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of our audit performed in accordance with *Governmental Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis information and budgetary comparison information as listed in the table of contents is not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management

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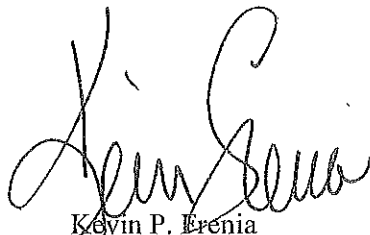
regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Shamong Township Board of Education's financial statements. The accompanying introductory section, and other supplementary information such as the combining and individual fund financial statements, long-term debt schedules and statistical tables are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial statements and long-term debt schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements, in our opinion, are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole. The introductory section and statistical tables have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

The accompanying schedules of expenditures of state financial assistance are presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations* and New Jersey OMB's Circular 04-04, *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid* respectively, and are not a required part of the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,

HOLMAN & FRENIA, P. C.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin P. Frenia', is written over a faint, circular embossed seal. The seal contains the text 'HOLMAN & FRENIA, P.C.' and 'PUBLIC SCHOOL ACCOUNTANTS'.

Kevin P. Frenia
Public School Accountant
No. 1011

Medford, New Jersey
August 14, 2009

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PART I

Management's Discussion and Analysis

**SHAMONG TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
SHAMONG, NEW JERSEY**

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009**

UNAUDITED

The discussion and analysis of the Shamong Township School District's financial performance provides an overall review of the School District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School District's financial performance.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of Required Supplementary Information specified in the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) Statement No. 34-*Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments* issued in June 1999.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2008/2009 are as follows:

- For the sixth consecutive year, the final payment of state aid to school districts was delayed until the next fiscal year. The payment was received in July 2009 in the amount of \$426,090. These funds supported the General Fund and Special Revenue Fund revenues.
- At the school election held in April 2009 the voters of the School District approved the proposed school budget.
- The Shamong Foundation for Educational Excellence continued funding mini-grants to teachers.

Using This Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the Shamong Township School District as a financial whole; an entire operating entity. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at the financial activities of each fund. In addition, this report contains other supplementary and statistical information.

Reporting the School District as a Whole (Government-wide Financial Statements)

Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities

The Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities provides information about the activities of the whole school district, presenting both an aggregate view of the school district's finances and a longer term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental activities and business-type activities, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what

remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the school district's individual funds with all funds presented. In the case of the Shamong Township School District, the General Fund is by far the most significant fund. The governmental activities are mainly supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, while the business-type activities are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges.

While this document contains all of the funds used by the school district to provide programs and activities, the view of the school district as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during 2009?" The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities answers this question. The Statement of Net Assets includes all assets and liabilities, while the Statement of Activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for those services and the grants offsetting those services. They use the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector businesses. This basis of accounting includes all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when the timing of the related cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the School District's net assets and changes to those assets. This change in net assets is important because it tells the reader that, for the school district as a whole, the financial position of the school district has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial and some not. Non-financial factors include the school district's property tax base, current laws in New Jersey restricting revenue growth, facility condition, required educational programs and other factors.

In the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities, the School District is divided into two distinct kinds of activities:

Governmental Activities – These activities report on the School District's programs and services including instruction, support services, operation and maintenance of plant facilities, pupil transportation, extracurricular activities, grant programs, and capital outlay. The School District's governmental funds are the General Fund, Special Revenue Fund, Capital Projects Fund and the Debt Service Fund.

Business Type Activities – These activities provide for a charge for goods or services to recover the expenses of the goods and services provided. The Food Service operation is reported here.

Reporting the School District's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the School District's activities that are segregated for specific activities or objectives. The School District uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. These funds are divided into three categories: Governmental, Proprietary and Fiduciary Funds.

Governmental Funds

The School District maintains four individual governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in the future years. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the School District's general government operations and the basic services it provides.

Governmental fund information helps the reader determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs. The relationship (or difference) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds are reconciled in the financial statements. The School District adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general, special revenue and debt service funds. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for each of these funds to demonstrate compliance with these budgets.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found in Exhibits B-1 through B-3 of this report.

Proprietary Funds

The school district maintains one proprietary fund, which consists of an enterprise fund that reports on the food service operation. This fund uses the same basis of accounting as business-type activities; therefore, these statements are essentially the same.

The basic proprietary fund financial statements can be found in Exhibits B-4 through B-6 of this report.

Fiduciary Funds

The school district's fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. These funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the school district's activities. The accounting method used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds.

The basic fiduciary fund financial statements can be found in Exhibits B-7 through B-8 of this report.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 31 to 54 of this report.

Other Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents statistical and single audit information and schedules relative to the school district and/or its serving community.

The School District as a Whole

Recall that the Statement of Net Assets provides the perspective of the School District as a whole. Net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of government's financial position. The District's financial position

is the product of several financial transactions including the net results of activities, the acquisition and payment of debt, the acquisition and disposal of capital assets and the depreciation of capital assets.

Table 1 provides a summary of the School District's net assets for fiscal year 2009.

Table 1

Net Assets

	Governmental Activities	Business- Type Activities	2009	2008
Assets:				
Current & Other Assets	\$901,957	26,892	928,849	1,348,345
Capital Assets	12,931,648	33,002	12,964,650	13,427,221
Total Assets	13,833,605	59,894	13,893,499	14,775,566
Liabilities:				
Long-Term Liabilities Outstanding	6,664,041		6,664,041	7,249,293
Other Liabilities	95,735		95,735	307,149
Total Liabilities	6,759,776		6,759,776	7,556,442
Net Assets				
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of				
Related Debt	6,840,346	33,002	6,873,348	6,894,232
Restricted	876,820		876,820	750,387
Unrestricted	(643,337)	26,892	(616,445)	(425,502)
Total Net Assets	\$7,073,829	59,894	7,133,723	7,219,117

As noted earlier, the District's net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The largest portion of the District's net assets (94 percent) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, machinery and equipment); less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The District uses these capital assets to provide the educational programs; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in its capital assets are reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of the District's net assets (5 percent) represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net assets may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations.

Table 2 shows changes in net assets for fiscal year 2009.

Table 2
Changes in Net Assets

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
General Revenues:			
Property Taxes, Levied For General Purposes	\$8,158,533	-	8,158,533
Federal/State Aid Not Restricted	5,089,474	50,410	5,139,884
Other Revenues	103,784	221,762	325,546
Total revenues	<u>13,351,791</u>	<u>272,172</u>	<u>13,623,963</u>
Expenses:			
Instruction Services	5,373,826	-	5,373,826
Support Services	7,185,996	-	7,185,996
Interest on Long-Term Debt	253,745	-	253,745
Other Expenses	643,234		643,234
Food Service Operations		252,556	252,556
Total Expenses	<u>13,456,801</u>	<u>252,556</u>	<u>13,709,357</u>
Change in Net Assets	(105,010)	19,616	(85,394)
Net Assets, July 1,	7,178,839	40,278	7,219,117
Net Assets, June 30,	<u>\$ 7,073,829</u>	<u>\$ 59,894</u>	<u>\$ 7,133,723</u>

Governmental Activities

The unique nature of property taxes in New Jersey creates the legal requirement to annually seek voter approval for the School District operations. The District's total governmental activities revenues were \$13,622,765 for the year ended June 30, 2009.

Revenues by Source - Governmental Funds

Property Taxes, Levied For General Purposes	60%
Federal/State Aid Not Restricted	39%
Other Revenues	<u>1%</u>
Total	<u>100%</u>

EXPENSES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Instruction Services	39.9%
Support Services	53.4%
Interest on Long-Term Debt	1.9%
Other Expenses	<u>4.8%</u>
Total	<u>100%</u>

Business-Type Activities

Revenues for the District's business-type activities (food service program) were comprised of charges for services and federal and state reimbursements. Business-Type revenues exceeded expenses by \$19,616.

The School District's Funds

Governmental funds (i.e. general fund, special revenue fund, capital projects fund, and debt service fund) presented in the fund-based statements, are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Total revenues amounted to \$13,634,337, expenditures were \$13,970,835, and the total of other financing sources and uses netted \$119,500. The net change in overall fund balance for the year was a decrease of \$216,998.

As demonstrated by the various statements and schedules included in the financial section of this report, the District continues to meet its responsibility for sound financial management. Table 3 presents a summary of the revenues of the governmental funds for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009 and the amount and percentage of increases and decreases in relation to prior year revenues.

Table 3
Revenues of the Governmental Funds

<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent Of Total</u>	<u>Increase/ (Decrease) From 2008</u>	<u>Percent of Increase/ (Decrease)</u>
Local Sources	\$ 8,158,533	59.84%	\$289,545	3.68%
State/Federal Sources	5,355,720	39.28%	(530,950)	(9.02)%
Other Revenues	<u>120,084</u>	<u>0.88%</u>	<u>(125,354)</u>	<u>(51.07)%</u>
Total	<u>\$13,634,337</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$(366,759)</u>	

The increase in local revenue was due to a tax increase to fund the additional expenditures of the school district associated with an increase in higher operating costs. State revenues to support district operations decreased for the first time in four years and were 9.6% lower than last year. Increases in State TPAF pension and social security contributions (non-budgeted revenues) also decreased. Other revenues decreased due to lower interest rates and no tuition income.

Table 4 represents a summary of the combined general fund, special revenue fund, capital projects fund and debt service fund expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009, and the percentage of increases and decreases in relation to prior year amounts.

Table 4
Expenditures of the Governmental Funds

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>	<u>Increase/ (Decrease) From 2008</u>	<u>Percent of Increase/ (Decrease)</u>
Current Expense:				
Instruction	\$ 5,512,709	39.46%	\$ 35,223	0.64%
Undistributed	7,336,688	52.51%	(336,659)	(4.39)%
Capital Outlay	244,658	1.75%	(457,351)	(65.15)%
Debt Service:				
Principal	605,000	4.33%	75,000	14.15%
Interest	271,780	1.95%	49,829	22.45%
Total	<u>\$13,970,835</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$(633,958)</u>	

Changes in expenditures were the result of varying factors. Current expense decreased mainly to decreases in employee benefits and capital outlay expenses. Debt service changed in accordance with the bond amortization schedule.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETING HIGHLIGHTS

The School District's budget is prepared in accordance with New Jersey law, and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a cash basis of receipts, disbursements and encumbrances. The most significant fund is the General Fund.

Over the course of the year, the District revised the annual operating budget several times. Revisions in the budget were made to recognize revenues that were not anticipated and to prevent over-expenditures in specific line item accounts. Several of these revisions include expenditures for Instruction, Special Education and the Operation and Maintenance of Plant Facilities. The details of individual program budget revisions are reflected in Exhibit C-1 of the CAFR.

Instruction expenses include activities directly dealing with the teaching of pupils and the interaction between teacher and student, including extracurricular activities.

Support services include tuition paid to out of district schools, health and library services, instruction related services, and the activities involved with assisting staff with the content and process of teaching to students, including curriculum and staff development.

General administration, school administration, and business operations include expenses associated with administrative and financial supervision of the District.

Operation and maintenance of facilities involve keeping the school grounds, buildings and equipment in an effective working condition.

Pupil transportation includes activities involved with the conveyance of students to and from school, as well as to and from school activities, as provided by State law.

FUND BALANCES

Table 5 shows a comparison of the fund balances in each of the District's Governmental and Business-type activities funds.

Table 5
Changes in Fund Balances

	June 30, 2009	June 30, 2008	Difference
Governmental Funds:			
General Fund	\$748,914	\$889,588	\$(140,674)
Capital Projects Fund	82,041	158,370	(76,329)
Debt Service Fund	5		5
Business-type Activities:			
Food Service Enterprise Fund	59,894	40,278	19,616

The \$140,674 decrease in General Fund balance is due to the use of budgeted fund balance to offset expenses. The decrease in the Capital Projects fund is due to the use of bond proceeds for three facility improvement projects that were previously approved by the voters.

CAPITAL ASSETS

At the end of the fiscal year 2009, the School District had \$19,228,114 invested in land, buildings, furniture, equipment, and vehicles. Table 6 shows fiscal year 2009 balances compared to 2008. (Depreciation not in the Schedule below)

Table 6
Capital Assets at June 30

	2009	2008
Land	\$1,068,766	1,068,766
Site and Building	17,108,033	17,033,531
Machinery and Equipment	1,051,315	927,260
Total	<u>\$19,228,114</u>	<u>19,029,557</u>

Land and Construction-in-Progress are not depreciated.

Overall capital assets increased by \$198,557. For more detailed information, refer to the Notes to the Financial Statements.

Additional information on the District's capital assets can be found in Note 6 of the basic financial statements.

DEBT ADMINISTRATION

In the governmental funds, at June 30, 2009, the School District had \$6,664,041 of noncurrent liabilities. Of this amount \$451,222 is for compensated absences; \$116,033 is for capital leases of equipment, \$21,440 is for Post-Retirement Benefits, \$5,038,000 for Serial Bonds dated 3/1/2003, \$365,000 for the refunded 1995 Series

Bonds dated 8/1/2003, and \$672,346 for school bonds issued on 6/21/2007.
There was no debt outstanding in the business-type activities funds.

State statutes limit the amount of general obligation debt a governmental entity may issue. The District's limit is 3 percent of its equalized valuation basis. The current debt limitation for the District is \$23,584,448, which is significantly in excess of the District's outstanding general obligation debt.

Additional information on the District's long-term debt can be found in note 7 in the notes to the basic financial statements.

For the Future

It is the opinion of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator that the Shamong Township School District is presently in good financial condition. The School District is proud of its community support, the support of the Home & School Association and the Shamong Foundation for Educational Excellence.

Shamong Township is primarily a rural, residential community with very few commercial ratables; thus it becomes the responsibility of homeowners to foot the majority of the tax burden. The lack of adequate state and federal revenues has resulted in increased property taxes. This has resulted in our budgets being defeated in four out of the last seven years.

In conclusion, the Shamong Township School District has committed itself to financial excellence for many years. The School District's system for financial planning, budgeting and internal financial controls are well regarded. The School District plans to continue its sound fiscal management to meet the challenges of the future.

Contacting the School District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the School District's finances and to show the School District's accountability for the money it receives. Questions regarding this report or if addition information is needed, kindly contact Mr. Michael J. Mados, RSBA, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, at the Shamong Board of Education, 295 Indian Mills Road, Shamong, New Jersey 08088.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SHAMONG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
DISTRICT-WIDE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2009
(With Comparative Totals for June 30, 2008)

ASSETS	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)	
			JUNE 30, 2009	JUNE 30, 2008
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$800,009	16,033	816,042	1,207,156
Receivables, Net	80,070	7,902	87,972	88,122
Inventory		2,957	2,957	6,178
Capital Assets, Net (Note 6)	12,931,648	33,002	12,964,650	13,427,221
Unamortized Loss on Early Retirement of Debt	12,898		12,898	27,640
Unamortized Bond Issue Costs	8,980		8,980	19,242
Total Assets	13,833,605	59,894	13,893,499	14,775,559
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable, Net	47,269		47,269	223,199
Accrued Interest	42,774		42,774	60,809
Unamortized Bond Premium	3,842		3,842	8,232
Deferred Revenue	1,850		1,850	14,909
Noncurrent Liabilities (Notes 7):				
Due Within One Year	654,495		654,495	629,300
Due Beyond One Year	6,009,546		6,009,546	6,619,993
Total Liabilities	6,759,776		6,759,776	7,556,442
NET ASSETS				
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	6,840,346	33,002	6,873,348	6,894,232
Restricted For:				
Other Purposes	155,749		155,749	67,730
Excess Surplus	721,071		721,071	682,657
Unrestricted	(643,337)	26,892	(616,445)	(425,502)
Total Net Assets	\$7,073,829	59,894	7,133,723	7,219,117

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

SHAMONG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
DISTRICT-WIDE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009
(With Comparative Totals for June 30, 2008)

FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	NET (EXPENSE) REVENUE AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS			
	PROGRAM REVENUES		TOTALS	
	EXPENSES	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	OPERATING GRANTS & CONTRIBUTIONS	BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES
				(MEMORANDUM ONLY) JUNE 30, 2009 JUNE 30, 2008
Governmental Activities:				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$3,929,404			(3,929,404) (3,904,909)
Special Education	1,286,574		138,883	(1,147,691) (1,103,152)
Other Special Instruction	201,474			(201,474) (161,451)
Other Instruction	95,257			(95,257) (96,575)
Support Services & Undistributed Costs:				
Tuition	16,740			(16,740) (120,862)
Health Services	128,246			(128,246) (117,472)
Student & Instruction Related Services	827,945			(827,945) (862,137)
Educational Media Services/School Library	181,039			(181,039) (177,942)
School Administrative Services	537,880		127,363	(410,517) (391,886)
Other Administrative Services	344,534			(344,534) (326,074)
Central Services	258,193			(258,193) (249,335)
Plant Operations & Maintenance	1,140,716			(1,140,716) (1,133,152)
Pupil Transportation	595,326			(595,326) (601,006)
Unallocated Benefits	3,304,180			(3,304,180) (3,526,952)
Interest on Long Term Debt	253,745			(253,745) (252,456)
Increase/(Decrease) in Compensated Absences - Unallocated	(68,062)			68,062 (18,790)
Unallocated Amortization	20,614			(20,614) (20,614)
Unallocated Depreciation	669,242			(669,242) (640,587)
Total Governmental Activities	13,723,047		266,246	(13,456,801) (13,705,352)

**SHAMONG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
DISTRICT-WIDE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009
(With Comparative Totals for June 30, 2008)**

FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	NET (EXPENSE) REVENUE AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS				
	PROGRAM REVENUES		TOTALS		
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	OPERATING GRANTS & CONTRIBUTIONS	BUSINESS- GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	(MEMORANDUM ONLY) JUNE 30, 2008	JUNE 30, 2007
Business-Type Activities:					
Food Service	252,556	204,483	50,410	2,337	(6,933)
Total Business-Type Activities	252,556	204,483	50,410	2,337	(6,933)
Total Primary Government	\$13,975,603	204,483	316,656	(13,456,801)	(13,712,285)
General Revenues:					
Taxes:					
Property Taxes, Levied for General Purposes, Net			8,158,533	8,158,533	7,868,988
Federal & State Aid Not Restricted			5,089,474	5,089,474	5,557,526
Donated Capital Assets				10,501	10,501
Disposal of Fixed Assets			(11,300)	(11,300)	
Tuition					15,925
Miscellaneous Income			120,084	1,778	242,778
Transfers			(5,000)	5,000	
Total General Revenues, Special Items, Extraordinary Items & Transfers			13,351,791	17,279	13,369,070
					13,685,217
Change In Net Assets			(105,010)	19,616	(85,394)
Net Assets - Beginning			7,178,839	40,278	7,219,117
Net Assets - Ending			\$7,073,829	59,894	7,133,723
					7,219,117

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

SHAMONG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD OF EDUCATION
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2009
(With Comparative Totals for June 30, 2008)

ASSETS	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	DEBT SERVICE	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)	
					JUNE 30, 2009	JUNE 30, 2008
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$723,689		82,041	5	805,735	1,205,045
Accounts Receivable:						
Intergovernmental - State	72,771				72,771	43,027
Intergovernmental - Federal		5,430			5,430	
Intergovernmental - Other		2,468			2,468	1,202
Interfund						498
Miscellaneous						37,134
Total Assets	796,460	7,898	82,041		886,404	1,286,906
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES						
Liabilities:						
Cash Deficit		5,726			5,726	
Accounts Payable	46,947	322			47,269	223,199
Interfund Payables	599				599	840
Deferred Revenue		1,850			1,850	14,909
Total Liabilities	47,546	7,898			55,444	238,948
Equity & Other Credits:						
Fund Balances:						
Reserved:						
For Encumbrances	617				617	19,284
Excess Surplus	412,016				412,016	309,055
Excess Surplus						
Designated for Subsequent						
Year's Expenditures	309,055				309,055	373,602
Capital Reserve	49,132				49,132	48,446
Emergency Reserve	106,000				106,000	60,000
Unreserved:						
Designated for Subsequent						
Year's Expenditures	22,490				22,490	14,607
Undesignated	(150,396)		82,041	5	(68,350)	222,964
Total Fund Balances	748,914		82,041	5	830,960	1,047,958
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance:	\$796,460	7,898	82,041	5		

Amounts reported for *governmental activities* in the statement of net assets (A-1) are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. The cost of the assets is \$19,228,114 and the accumulated depreciation is \$6,296,466	12,931,648	13,402,333
Accrued interest payable is not recorded in the fund financial statements due to the fact that payable is not due in the period.	(42,774)	(60,809)
Unamortized loss on early retirement of debt, cost of issuance and bond premiums are not recorded in the fund financial statements due to the fact that the payable is not due in the period.	18,036	38,650
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds (see Illustrative Note 7 & 15)	(6,664,041)	(7,249,293)
Net Assets of Governmental Activities	\$7,073,829	7,178,839

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**SHAMONG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009
(With Comparative Totals for June 30, 2008)**

(With Comparative Totals for June 30, 2008)					TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)	
	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	JUNE 30, 2009	JUNE 30, 2008
Revenues:						
Local Sources:						
Local Tax Levy	\$7,528,169			630,364	8,158,533	7,868,988
Tuition						15,925
Miscellaneous	73,296	46,788			120,084	229,513
Total Revenues - Local Sources	7,601,465	46,788		630,364	8,278,617	8,114,426
State Sources	4,965,970			170,292	5,136,262	5,666,989
Federal Sources		219,458			219,458	219,681
Total Revenues	12,567,435	266,246		800,656	13,634,337	14,001,096
Expenditures:						
Current Expense						
Instruction - Regular Programs	3,929,404				3,929,404	3,938,066
Special Education	1,147,691	138,883			1,286,574	1,281,394
Other Special Instruction	201,474				201,474	161,451
Other Instruction	95,257				95,257	96,575
Support Services:						
Tuition	16,740				16,740	120,862
Health Services	128,246				128,246	117,472
Student & Instruction Related Services	827,945				827,945	877,764
Educational Media Services/School Library	181,039				181,039	177,942
School Administrative Services	410,517	127,363			537,880	539,601
Other Administrative Services	344,534				344,534	326,074
Central Services	258,193				258,193	249,335
Plant Operations & Maintenance	1,164,045				1,164,045	1,133,152
Pupil Transportation	595,326				595,326	601,006
Employee Benefits	3,282,740				3,282,740	3,530,139
Capital Outlay	244,458		200		244,658	702,009
Debt Service:						
Principal				605,000	605,000	530,000
Interest & Other Charges				271,780	271,780	221,951
Total Expenditures	12,827,609	266,246	200	876,780	13,970,835	14,604,793
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over/(Under) Expenditures	(260,174)		(200)	(76,124)	(336,498)	(603,697)
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):						
Food Services:						
Transfer to Cover Deficit	(5,000)				(5,000)	(8,000)
Operating Transfers In				76,129	76,129	
Operating Transfers Out			(76,129)		(76,129)	
Capital Leases (Nonbudgeted)	124,500				124,500	
Cancel Prior Year Account Payables						6,701
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	119,500		(76,129)	76,129	119,500	(1,299)
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over/(Under) Expenditures & Other						
Financing Uses	(140,674)		(76,329)	5	(216,998)	(604,996)
Fund Balance - July 1	889,588		158,370		1,047,958	1,652,954
Fund Balance - June 30	\$748,914		82,041	5	830,960	1,047,958

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**SHAMONG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009
(With Comparative Totals for June 30, 2008)**

Total Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (From B-2)	(\$216,998)
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (A-2)
are different because:

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the period:

Depreciation Expense	(\$669,242)	
Capital Outlays	198,557	(470,685)

Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets and is not reported in the statement of activities.	605,000
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Proceeds from debt issues are a financing source in the governmental funds. They are not revenue in the statement of activities; issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets.

Capital Lease proceeds	(124,500)
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Interest on long-term debt in the statement of activities is accrued, regardless of when due. In the governmental funds, interest is reported when due.

Accrued Interest Prior Year	60,809	
Accrued Interest Current Year	(42,774)	18,035

Unamortized Loss on Early Retirement of Debt, Bond Issuance Costs and Premium on Unamortized Bond	(20,614)
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Repayment of capital lease principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets and is not reported in the statement of activities.	58,130
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Repayment of Post-Retirement Benefits is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets and is not reported in the statement of activities.

Current Year	(21,440)	
Prior Year		(21,440)

Increase of compensated absences is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets and is not reported in the statement of activities.

Current Year	(451,222)	
Prior Year	519,284	68,062

Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities	(\$105,010)
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See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

SHAMONG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2009
(With Comparative Totals for June 30, 2008)

ASSETS	BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES - ENTERPRISE FUNI	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)	
	FOOD SERVICE	JUNE 30, 2009	JUNE 30, 2008
Current Assets:			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$16,033	16,033	2,111
Accounts Receivable:			
State	308	308	214
Federal	6,995	6,995	6,341
Interfund	599	599	546
Inventories	2,957	2,957	6,178
Total Current Assets	26,892	26,892	15,390
Noncurrent Assets:			
Equipment	41,984	41,984	31,483
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(8,982)	(8,982)	(6,595)
Total Fixed Assets	33,002	33,002	24,888
Total Assets	59,894	59,894	40,278
NET ASSETS			
Investment in Capital Assets	33,002	33,002	24,888
Unrestricted	26,892	26,892	15,390
Total Net Assets	\$59,894	59,894	40,278

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**SHAMONG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND
CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009
(With Comparative Totals for June 30, 2008)**

	BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES - ENTERPRISE FUNI	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)	
	FOOD SERVICE	JUNE 30, 2009	JUNE 30, 2008
Operating Revenues:			
Local Sources:			
Daily Sales - Reimbursable Programs	\$160,891	160,891	142,383
Daily Sales - Nonreimbursable Programs	43,592	43,592	49,426
Miscellaneous	1,609	1,609	5,935
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Total Operating Revenue	206,092	206,092	197,744
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Operating Expenses:			
Salaries and Benefits	114,904	114,904	108,226
Miscellaneous Expenses	5,590	5,590	5,614
Management Fee	16,599	16,599	15,848
Supplies and Materials	7,800	7,800	7,646
Depreciation	2,386	2,386	2,098
Cost of Sales	105,277	105,277	110,242
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Total Operating Expenses	252,556	252,556	249,674
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Operating Income/(Loss)	(46,464)	(46,464)	(51,930)
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Nonoperating Revenues/(Expenses):			
State Sources:			
State School Lunch Program	3,336	3,336	3,554
Federal Sources:			
National School Lunch Program	32,055	32,055	29,838
Food Distribution Program	15,019	15,019	17,540
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Total Nonoperating Revenues/(Expenses)	50,410	50,410	50,932
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Net Income/(Loss) Before Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	3,946	3,946	(998)
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Other Financing Sources/(Uses):			
Board Contribution	5,000	5,000	8,000
Contributed Capital	10,501	10,501	
Interest Revenue - Board Contribution	169	169	629
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Total Other Financing Sources/Uses)	15,670	15,670	8,629
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Net Income/(Loss)	19,616	19,616	7,631
Total Net Assets - Beginning	40,278	40,278	32,647
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Total Net Assets - Ending	\$59,894	59,894	40,278
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See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**SHAMONG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009
(With Comparative Totals for June 30, 2008)**

	BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES - ENTERPRISE FUND: FOOD SERVICE	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY) JUNE 30, 2009	JUNE 30, 2008
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:			
Receipts from Customers	\$206,092	206,092	197,745
Payments to Employees	(114,904)	(114,904)	(108,226)
Payments to Suppliers	(132,045)	(132,045)	(163,192)
Net Cash Provided by/(Used) by Operating Activities	(40,857)	(40,857)	(73,673)
Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities:			
State Sources	3,242	3,242	3,585
Federal Sources	46,420	46,420	47,661
Board Contributions & Transfers	4,948	4,948	8,000
Net Cash Provided by/(Used) by Noncapital Financing Activities	54,610	54,610	59,246
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:			
Interest & Dividends	169	169	629
Net Cash Provided by/(Used) by Investing Activities	169	169	629
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash & Cash Equivalents	13,922	13,922	(13,304)
Balances - Beginning of Year	2,111	2,111	15,415
Balances - End of Year	\$16,033	16,033	2,111

Reconciliation of Operating Income/(Loss) to Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operating Activities:

Operating Income/(Loss)	(\$46,464)	(46,464)	(51,930)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income/Loss to Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operating Activities:			
Depreciation & Net Amortization	2,386	2,386	2,098
(Increase)/Decrease in Inventories	3,221	3,221	(464)
Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable			(23,377)
Total Adjustments	5,607	5,607	(21,743)
Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operating Activities	(\$40,857)	(40,857)	(73,673)

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

SHAMONG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
 FIDUCIARY FUNDS
 STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS
 JUNE 30, 2009
 (With Comparative Totals for June 30, 2008)

ASSETS	AGENCY		PRIVATE PUPOSE UNEMPLOYMENT	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)	
	STUDENT ACTIVITY	PAYROLL	COMPENSATION TRUST	JUNE 30, 2009	JUNE 30, 2008
Cash & Cash Equivale	\$29,202	2,376	132,094	163,672	156,428
Interfund Receivable			440	440	10,482
Total Assets	29,202	2,376	132,534	164,112	166,910
LIABILITIES					
Payroll Withholdings		1,936		1,936	1,356
Due to Student Group	29,202			29,202	25,027
Interfund Payable		440		440	10,686
Total Liabilities	29,202	2,376		31,578	37,069
NET ASSETS					
Reserve for Unemployment Compensation			132,534	132,534	129,841
Total Net Assets	-	-	132,534	132,534	129,841

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

SHAMONG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009
(With Comparative Totals for June 30, 2008)

	PRIVATE PURPOSE	TOTALS	
	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION TRUST	(MEMORANDUM ONLY) JUNE 30, 2009	JUNE 30, 2008
ADDITIONS			
Contributions:			
Plan Members	\$865	865	10,913
Total Contributions	865	865	10,913
Investment Earnings:			
Interest	1,828	1,828	4,640
Net Investment Earnings	1,828	1,828	4,640
Total Additions	2,693	2,693	15,553
Change in Net Assets	2,693	2,693	15,553
Net Assets - Beginning of the Year	129,841	129,841	114,288
Net Assets - End of the Year	\$132,534	132,534	129,841

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**SHAMONG TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2009**

SHAMONG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2009

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying financial statements of the Shamong Township Board of Education have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). In June 1999 the GASB issued Statement 34 *Basic Financial Statements – and Management’s Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*. This statement established new financial reporting requirements for state and local governmental entities throughout the United States. They require new information and restructure much of the information that governments have presented in the past. Comparability with reports issued in prior years is affected.

The District has implemented these standards for the fiscal year-ending June 30, 2003, with the implementation of GASB Statement 34, the District has prepared required supplementary information titled *Management’s Discussion and Analysis*, which precedes the basic financial statements.

Other GASB Statements are required to be implemented in conjunction with GASB Statement 34. Therefore, the District has implemented the following GASB Statements in the current fiscal year: Statement 33 – *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions*; Statement 36 – *Recipient Reporting for Certain Shared Nonexchange Revenues*; Statement 37 - *Basic Financial Statements – and Management’s Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments: Omnibus* and Statement 38 – *Certain Financial Statement Note Disclosures*; Statement 40 – *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures* and Statement 44 – *Economic Condition Reporting – The Statistical Section*; Statement 45 – *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions*.

The accompanying financial statements present the financial position of the District and the various funds and fund types, the results of operations of the District and the various funds and fund types, and the cash flows of the proprietary funds. The financial statements are presented as of June 30, 2009 and for the year then ended with comparative totals as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008 (Memorandum Only).

A. Reporting Entity:

The Shamong Township Board of Education is a Type II district located in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey. As a Type II district, the School District functions independently through a Board of Education. The Board is comprised of 5 members elected to three-year terms. These terms are staggered. The District provides a full range of educational services appropriate to grade levels K through 8. These include regular, as well as special education for handicapped youngsters. The operations of the District include two elementary schools located in Shamong Township. The Shamong Township Board of Education has an approximate enrollment at June 30, 2009 of 934 Students.

The primary criterion for including activities within the District’s reporting entity, as set forth in Section 2100 of the GASB *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards*, is whether:

- ♦ the organization is legally separate (can sue or be sued in their own name)
- ♦ the District holds the corporate powers of the organization
- ♦ the District appoints a voting majority of the organization’s board

SHAMONG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2009

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

A. Reporting Entity (continued):

- ♦ the District is able to impose its will on the organization
- ♦ the organization has the potential to impose a financial benefit/burden on the District
- ♦ there is a fiscal dependency by the organization on the District

Based on the aforementioned criteria, the District has no component units.

B. District-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The district-wide financial statements (the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) report information of all of the nonfiduciary activities of the District. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these district-wide statements. District activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function, segment or component unit are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function, segment, or component unit. Program revenues include charges to customers who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods or services provided by a given function, segment or component unit. Program revenues also include grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function, segment, or component unit. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues. The District does not allocate general government (indirect) expenses to other functions.

Net assets are restricted when constraints placed on them are either externally imposed or are imposed by constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Internally imposed designations of resources are not presented as restricted net assets. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, generally it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first, and then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, fiduciary funds and similar component units, and major component units. However, the fiduciary funds are not included in the district-wide statements. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

District-Wide Financial Statements – The governmental fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related

SHAMONG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2009

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation (continued):

cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements – The Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal year-end. Principal revenue sources considered susceptible to accrual include federal and state grants, interest on investments, tuition and transportation. Other revenues are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the state.

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

D. Fund Accounting:

The accounts of the Shamong Township Board of Education are maintained in accordance with the principles of fund accounting to ensure observance of limitations and restrictions on the resources available. The principles of fund accounting require that resources be classified for accounting and reporting purposes into funds or account groups in accordance with activities or objectives specified for the resources. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. An account group, on the other hand, is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources. The various funds and accounts are grouped, in the financial statements in this report, into seven fund types within three broad fund categories and two account groups as follows:

Governmental Funds

General Fund - The general fund is the general operating fund of the Shamong Township Board of Education and is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Included are certain expenditures for vehicles and movable instructional or noninstructional equipment which are classified in the Capital Outlay sub-fund.

SHAMONG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2009

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

D. Fund Accounting (continued):

As required by the New Jersey Department of Education Shamong Township Board of Education includes budgeted Capital Outlay in this fund. Generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as they pertain to governmental entities state that General Fund resources may be used to directly finance capital outlays for long-lived improvements as long as the resources in such cases are derived exclusively from unrestricted revenues.

Resources for budgeted capital outlay purposes are normally derived from State of New Jersey Aid, interest earnings and appropriated fund balance. Expenditures are those that result in the acquisition of or additions to fixed assets for land, existing buildings, improvements of grounds, construction of buildings, additions to or remodeling of buildings and the purchase of built-in equipment. These resources can be transferred from and to Current Expense by board resolution.

Special Revenue Fund - The Special Revenue Fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue from State and Federal Government, (other than major capital projects, Debt Service or the Enterprise Funds) and local appropriations that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Capital Projects Fund - The capital projects fund is used to account for all financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by proprietary funds).

Debt Service Fund - The debt service fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of principal and interest on bonds issued to finance major property acquisition, construction and improvement programs.

Proprietary Fund

The focus of Proprietary Fund measurement is upon determination of net income, financial position and cash flows. The generally accepted accounting principles applicable are those similar to businesses in the private sector. The following is a description of the Proprietary Funds of the District:

Enterprise - The enterprise fund is used to account for the operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to a private business enterprise. The costs of providing goods or services are financed primarily through user charges; or, where the District has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes.

SHAMONG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2009

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

Proprietary Fund (continued):

The District's Enterprise Fund is comprised of the Food Service Fund.

All Proprietary funds are accounted for on a cost of services or "capital maintenance" measurement focus. This means that all assets and all liabilities, whether current or noncurrent, associated with their activity are included on their balance sheets. Their reported fund equity (net total assets) is segregated into contributed capital and unreserved retained earnings, if applicable. Proprietary fund type operating statements present increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in net total assets.

Depreciation of all exhaustive fixed assets used by proprietary funds is charged as an expense against their operations. Accumulated depreciation is reported on proprietary fund balance sheets. Depreciation has been provided over the estimated useful lives using the straight-line-method. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Food Service Fund:

Equipment	15 Years
Light Trucks & Vehicle	7 Years
Heavy Trucks & Vehicle	7 Years

Fiduciary Fund

Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held by a governmental entity for other parties (either as trustee or as an agent) and that cannot be used to finance the governmental entity's own operating programs which includes private purpose trust funds and agency funds

Private Purpose Trust Funds are used to account for the principal and income for trust arrangements that benefit individuals, private organizations, or other governments. The District currently maintains an Unemployment Trust Fund as a private purpose trust.

Agency Funds are assets held by a governmental entity (either as trustee or as an agent) for other parties that cannot be used to finance the governmental entity's own operating programs. The District currently maintains Payroll funds and Student Activity Funds as Agency Funds

E. Basis of Accounting:

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds and private purpose trust funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e.,

SHAMONG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2009

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

E. Basis of Accounting (continued):

revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

All proprietary funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the balance sheet. Fund equity (i.e., net total assets) is segregated into contributed capital and retained earnings components. Proprietary fund-type operating statements present increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total assets.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is used for measuring financial position and operating results of all governmental fund types, expendable trust funds and agency funds. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when they become both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. State equalization monies are recognized as revenue during the period in which they are appropriated. A one-year availability period is used for revenue recognition for all other governmental fund revenues. Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period in which the fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt which are recorded when due.

In its accounting and financial reporting, the Shamong Township Board of Education follows the pronouncements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) and its predecessor organizations issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless they conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The Shamong Township Board of Education's proprietary funds have elected not to apply the standards issued by FASB after November 30, 1989.

The accrual basis of accounting is used for measuring financial position and operating results of proprietary fund types and private purpose trust funds. Under this method, revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they are earned and expenses are recognized when they are incurred.

F. Budgets/Budgetary Control:

Annual appropriated budgets are prepared in the spring of each year for the general, special revenue and debt service funds. The budgets are submitted to the county office and are voted upon at the annual school election on the third Tuesday in April. Budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The legal level of budgetary control is established at line item accounts within each fund.

SHAMONG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2009

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

F. Budgets/Budgetary Control (continued):

Line item accounts are defined as the lowest (most specific) level of detail as established pursuant to the minimum chart of accounts referenced in *N.J.A.C.6A:23-1.2*. All budget amendments must be approved by School Board resolution.

Formal budgetary integration into the accounting system is employed as a management control device during the year. For governmental funds there are no substantial differences between the budgetary basis of accounting and generally accepted accounting principles with the exception of the legally mandated revenue recognition of the last state aid payment for budgetary purposes only and the special revenue fund as noted below. Encumbrance accounting is also employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration in the governmental fund types. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

The accounting records of the special revenue fund are maintained on the grant accounting budgetary basis. The grant accounting budgetary basis differs from GAAP in that the grant accounting budgetary basis recognizes encumbrances as expenditures and also recognizes the related revenues, whereas the GAAP basis does not. Sufficient supplemental records are maintained to allow for the presentation of GAAP basis financial reports.

The budget, as detailed on Exhibit C-1, includes all amendments to the adopted budget, if any.

The following presents a reconciliation of the special revenue fund revenues and expenditures from the budgetary basis of accounting as presented in the Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual – General, Special Revenues and Debt Service Funds to the GAAP basis of accounting as presented in the Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - All Governmental Fund Types:

**Notes to Required Supplementary Information.
Budgetary Comparison Schedule**

Explanation of Differences between Budgetary Inflows and Outflows and GAAP Revenues and Expenditures.

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund
Sources/Inflows of Resources		
Actual amounts (budgetary) "revenues" from the budgetary comparison schedules	\$12,774,335	\$234,710
State aid payment recognized for GAAP statements in the current year, previously recognized	207,356	
State aid payment recognized for budgetary purposes, not recognized for GAAP Statements until the subsequent year	(414,256)	

SHAMONG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2009

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

F. Budgets/Budgetary Control (continued):

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund
Difference – Budget to GAAP:		
Grant accounting budgetary basis differs from GAAP in that encumbrances are recognized as expenditures and the related revenue is recognized	_____	<u>31,536</u>
Total revenue as reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances - governmental funds	<u>\$12,567,435</u>	<u>\$266,246</u>
Uses/Outflows of Resources		
Actual amounts (budgetary basis) “total outflows” from the budgetary comparison schedule	\$12,827,609	\$234,710
Differences – budget to GAAP:		
Encumbrances for supplies and equipment ordered but not received are reported in the year the order is placed for budgetary purposes, but in the year the supplies are received for financial reporting purposes	_____	<u>31,536</u>
Total expenditures as reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances – governmental funds	<u>\$12,827,609</u>	<u>\$266,246</u>

G. Encumbrances:

Under encumbrance accounting purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of resources are recorded to reserve a portion of the applicable appropriation. Open encumbrances in governmental funds other than the special revenue fund are reported as reservations of fund balances at fiscal year-end as they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities but rather commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods and services.

Open encumbrances in the special revenue fund for which the Shamong Township Board of Education has received advances are reflected in the balance sheet as deferred revenues at fiscal year-end.

The encumbered appropriation authority carries over into the next fiscal year. An entry will be made at the beginning of the next fiscal year to increase the appropriation reflected in the certified budget by the outstanding encumbrance amount as of the current fiscal year-end.

SHAMONG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2009

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

H. Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments:

Cash and Cash equivalents include petty cash, change funds, cash in banks and all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase and are stated at cost plus accrued interest. U.S. Treasury and agency obligations and certificates of deposit with maturities of one year or less when purchased are stated at cost. All other investments are stated at fair value.

New Jersey School Districts are limited as to the types of investments and types of financial institutions they may invest in. *N.J.S.18A:20-37* provides a list of permissible investments that may be purchased by New Jersey school districts.

Additionally, the District has adopted a cash management plan that requires it to deposit public funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act ("GUDPA"). GUDPA was enacted in 1970 to protect Governmental Units from loss of funds on deposit with a failed banking institution in New Jersey.

N.J.S.A.17:9-41 et. Seq. establishes the requirements for the security of deposits of governmental units. The statute requires that no governmental unit shall deposit public funds in a public depository unless such funds are secured in accordance with the Act. Public depositories include Savings and Loan institutions, banks (both state and national banks) and savings banks the deposits of which are federally insured. All public depositories must pledge collateral, having a market value at least equal to five percent of the average daily balance of collected public funds, to secure the deposits of Governmental Units. If a public depository fails, the collateral it has pledged, plus the collateral of all other public depositories, is available to pay the full amount of their deposits to the Governmental Units.

I. Tuition Receivable/Payable

These adjustments are recorded upon certification by the State Board of Education, which is normally three years following the contract year. The cumulative adjustments through June 30, 2009, which have not been recorded, are not determinable.

The tuition rate adjustments for the years 2005-2006 have been established. According to the School District's records, these amounts of adjustments are immaterial to the financial statements.

J. Inventories & Prepaid Expenses

Inventories are valued at cost, which approximates market. The costs are determined on a first-in, first-out method.

The cost of inventories in governmental fund types is recorded as expenditures when purchased rather than when consumed.

SHAMONG TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2009

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

J. Inventories & Prepaid Expenses (continued):

Prepaid expenses, which benefit future periods, other than those recorded in the enterprise funds, are recorded as expenditure during the year of purchase. Prepaid expenses in the enterprise fund represent payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2009.

K. Short-Term Interfund Receivables/Payables

Short-term interfund receivables/payables represent amounts that are owed, other than charges for goods or services rendered to/from a particular fund in the Shamong Township Board of Education and that are due within one year.

L. Fixed Assets:

General fixed assets acquired or constructed during the year are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the district-wide financial statements. Fixed assets are defined by the District as assets, which have a cost in excess of \$2,000 at the date of acquisition and a useful life of one year or more. Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date received. The general fixed assets acquired or constructed were valued by an independent appraisal company. General fixed assets, such as land and buildings, are valued at the historical cost basis and through estimated procedures performed by an independent appraisal company, respectively.

General fixed assets are reflected as expenditures in the applicable governmental funds. Depreciation expense is recorded in the district-wide financial statements as well as the proprietary fund. Capital assets are depreciated on the straight-line method over the assets' estimated useful life. There is no depreciation recorded for land and construction in progress. Generally estimated useful lives are as follows:

Machinery and Equipment	3 – 20 Years
Building & Other Improvements	7 – 60 Years
Infrastructure	30 Years

M. Accrued Salaries and Wages

District employees, who provide services to the District over the ten-month academic year and extended eleven-month calendar, do not have the option to have their salaries disbursed during the entire twelve-month year. Therefore, there is no accrual as of June 30, 2009 for such salaries.

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

N. Compensated Absences

Compensated absences are those absences for which employees will be paid, such as vacation, sick leave and sabbatical leave. A liability for compensated absences that are attributable to services already rendered, and that are not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the District and its employees, is accrued as the employees earn the rights to the benefits. Compensated absences that relate to future services, or that are contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the District and its employees, are accounted for in the period in which such services are rendered or in which such events take place.

In the District-Wide financial statements, under governmental activities, compensated absences are reported as an expenditure and noncurrent liabilities.

O. Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue in the general and special revenue funds represents cash, which has been received but not yet earned.

P. Long-Term Obligations

In district-wide financial statements, under governmental activities, long-term debt is recognized as a liability in the general fund as debt is incurred.

Q. Fund Equity

Reserves represent those portions of fund equity not appropriable for expenditure or legally segregated for a specific future use. Designated fund balances represent plans for future use of financial resources.

In accordance with State of New Jersey statutes, the fund balance to be utilized in the subsequent year budget is not legally restricted and therefore has been classified as fund balance designated for subsequent year's expenditures and is not reserved.

Note 2. Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments

The District is governed by the deposit and investment limitations of New Jersey state law. The Deposits and investments held at June 30, 2009, and reported at fair value are as follows:

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JUNE 30, 2009

Note 2. Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments (continued):

Type	Carrying Value
Deposits:	
Demand Deposits	<u>\$979,714</u>
Total Deposits	<u>\$979,714</u>

The District's Cash and Cash Equivalents are Reported as Follows:

Governmental Activities	\$800,009
Business-Type Activities	16,033
Fiduciary Funds	<u>163,672</u>
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$979,714</u>

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits in financial institutions, reported as components of cash, cash equivalents and investments had a bank balance of \$1,127,309 at June 30, 2009. Of the bank balance \$250,000 was fully insured by the FDIC (Federal Depository Insurance Corporation) and \$877,309 was secured by a collateral pool held by the bank, but not in the District's name, as required by New Jersey's Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA). The Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act is more fully described in Note 3 of these financial statements.

Investment Interest Rate Risk – The District has no formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. Maturities of investment held at June 30, 2009, are provided in the above schedule.

Investment Credit Risk – The District has no investment policy that limits its investment choices other than the limitation of state law as follows:

- Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America;
- Government money market mutual funds;
- Any obligation that a federal agency or federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, which security has a maturity date not greater than 397 days from the date of purchase, provided that such obligations bear a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or other external factor;

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JUNE 30, 2009

Note 2. Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments (continued):

- Bonds or other obligations of the District or bonds or other obligations of the local unit or units within which the District is located;
- Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date of not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, approved by the Division of Investment in the Department of Treasury for investment by the District;
- Local Governments investment pools;
- Deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund established pursuant to section 1 of P.L. 1977, c.281; or
- Agreements for the repurchase of fully collateralized securities with certain limitations.

Concentration of Investment Credit Risk – The District places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer.

Note 3. Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA)

The District has deposited cash in 2009 with an approved public fund depository qualified under the provisions of the Government Unit Deposit Protection Act. In addition to savings and checking accounts the District invests monies in certificates of deposits.

The Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act P.L. 1970, Chapter 236, was passed to afford protection against bankruptcy or default by a depository. C.17:9-42 provides that no governmental unit shall deposit funds in a public depository unless such funds are secured in accordance with this act. C.17:9-42 provides that every public depository having public funds on deposit shall, as security for such deposits, maintain eligible collateral having a market value at least equal to either (1) 5% of the average daily balance of collected public funds on deposit during the 6 month period ending on the next preceding valuation date (June 30 or December 31) or (2) at the election of the depository, at least equal to 5% of the average balance of collected public funds on deposit on the first, eighth, fifteenth, and twenty-second days of each month in the 6 month period ending on the next preceding valuation date (June 30 or December 31). No public depository shall be required to maintain any eligible collateral pursuant to this act as security for any deposit or deposits of any governmental unit to the extent such deposits are insured by F.D.I.C. or any other U.S. agency which insures public depository funds.

No public depository shall at any time receive and hold on deposit for any period in excess of 15 days public funds of a governmental unit(s) which, in the aggregate, exceed 75% of the capital funds of the depository, unless such depository shall, in addition to the security required to be maintained under the

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JUNE 30, 2009

Note 3. Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA) (continued):

paragraph above, secure such excess by eligible collateral with a market value at least equal to 100% of such excess.

In the event of a default, the Commissioner of Banking within 20 days after the default occurrence shall ascertain the amount of public funds on deposit in the defaulting depository and the amounts covered by federal deposit insurance and certify the amounts to each affected governmental unit. Within 10 days after receipt of this certification, each unit shall furnish to the Commissioner verified statements of its public deposits. The Commissioner shall ascertain the amount derived or to be derived from the liquidation of the collateral maintained by the defaulting depository and shall distribute such proceeds pro rata among the governmental units to satisfy the net deposit liabilities to such units.

If the proceeds of the sale of the collateral are insufficient to pay in full the liability to all affected governmental units, the Commissioner shall assess the deficiency against all other public depositories having public funds on deposit determined by a formula determined by law. All sums collected by the Commissioner shall be paid to the governmental units having deposits in the defaulting depository in the proportion that the net deposit liability to each such governmental unit bears to the aggregate of the net deposit liabilities to all such governmental units.

All public depositories are required to furnish information and reports dealing with public funds on deposit every six months, June 30th and December 31st, with the Commissioner of Banking. Any public depository which refuses or neglects to give any information so requested may be excluded by the Commissioner from the right to receive public funds for deposit until such time as the Commissioner shall acknowledge that such depository has furnished the information requested.

Upon review and approval of the Certification Statement that the public depository complies with statutory requirements, the Commissioner issues forms approving the bank as a municipal depository. The District should request copies of these approval forms semiannually to assure that all depositories are complying with requirements.

Note 4. Capital Reserve Account

A capital reserve account was established by the Shamong Township Board of Education by inclusion of \$100,000 in the original 1995-1996 annual capital outlay budget, which was certified for taxes, for the accumulation of funds for use as capital outlay expenditures in subsequent fiscal years. The capital reserve account is maintained in the general fund and its activity is included in the general fund annual budget.

Funds placed in the capital reserve account are restricted to capital projects in the district's approved Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP). Upon submission of the LRFP to the department, a district may increase the balance in the capital reserve by appropriating funds in the annual general fund budget

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JUNE 30, 2009

Note 4. Capital Reserve Account (continued):

certified for taxes or by transfer by Board resolution at year-end of any unanticipated revenue or unexpended line-item appropriation amounts, or both. A district may also appropriated additional amounts when the express approval of the voters has been obtained either by a separate proposal at budget time or by a special question at one of the four special elections authorized pursuant to *N.J.S.A.19:60-2*. Pursuant to *N.J.A.C.6:23A-14.1(g)*, the balance in the account cannot at any time exceed the local support costs of uncompleted capital projects in its approved LRFP.

The activity of the capital reserve for the July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 fiscal year is as follows:

Beginning Balance, July 1, 2008	\$48,446
Interest Earnings	<u>686</u>
Ending Balance, June 30, 2009	<u>\$49,132</u>

The June 30, 2009 LRFP balance of local support costs of uncompleted capital projects at June 30, 2009 is \$3,481,959. The withdrawals from the capital reserve were for use in a DOE approved facilities project, consistent with the District's Long Rang Facilities Plan.

Note 5. Transfers to Capital Outlay

During the year ending June 30, 2009, the District transferred \$ -0- to the capital outlay accounts.

Note 6. Fixed Assets

The following schedule is a summarization of the general fixed assets for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009:

	June 30, 2008	Additions	Deletions	June 30, 2009
Land	\$ 1,068,766			\$ 1,068,766
Site & Buildings	17,033,531	\$ 74,502		17,108,033
Machinery & Equipment	<u>927,260</u>	<u>135,355</u>	<u>\$(11,300)</u>	<u>1,051,315</u>
Subtotal	19,029,557	209,857	(11,300)	19,228,114
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(5,627,224)</u>	<u>(677,812)</u>	<u>8,570</u>	<u>(6,296,466)</u>
Total	<u>\$13,402,333</u>	<u>\$(467,955)</u>	<u>\$ (2,730)</u>	<u>\$ 12,931,648</u>

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Note 6. Fixed Assets (continued):

The following schedule is a summary of the proprietary fund type fixed assets at June 30, 2009:

	Balance as of June 30, 2008	Additions	Balance as of June 30, 2009
Machinery & Equipment	\$31,483	\$10,501	\$41,984
Less: Depreciation	<u>(6,595)</u>	<u>(2,387)</u>	<u>(8,982)</u>
Total	<u>\$24,888</u>	<u>\$8,114</u>	<u>\$33,002</u>

Note 7. Long-Term Debt

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009 the following changes occurred in liabilities reported in the long-term debt:

	Balance 6/30/08	Accrued/ Increases	Retired/ Decreases	Balance 6/30/09	Due Within One Year
Compensated Absences Payable	\$ 519,284		\$ (68,062)	\$ 451,222	
Post-Retirement Benefits Payable		\$ 21,440		21,440	
Bonds Payable	6,680,346		(605,000)	6,075,346	\$600,000
Obligations Under Capital Leases	<u>49,663</u>	<u>124,500</u>	<u>(58,130)</u>	<u>116,033</u>	<u>54,495</u>
Total	<u>\$7,249,293</u>	<u>\$145,940</u>	<u>\$(731,192)</u>	<u>\$6,664,041</u>	<u>\$654,495</u>

The voters of the municipality through referendums authorize bonds in accordance with State Law. All bonds are retired in serial installments within the statutory period of usefulness. Bonds issued by the Board are general obligation bonds.

Bonds Payable:

On March 1, 2003, the Board of Education issued \$5,498,000 of bonds, with varying interest rates from 3.375% to 3.600%, to provide funds for the renovations, additions and conversions to both the Indian Mills School and the Indian Mills Memorial School.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Note 7. Long-Term Debt (continued):

On August 1, 2003, the Board of Education issued \$3,025,000 of Non-Callable Serial Bonds to provide for a current refunding of the callable 1995 Refunding School Bonds maturing May 15, 2005 through 2010 with varying interest rates from 2.00% to 3.40%. As a result of the refunding the Board reduced the total debt service requirements by \$103,008, which resulted in an economic gain (difference between the present value of the debt service payments on the old and new debt) of \$115,130.

On June 21, 2007, the Board of Education issued \$757,346 of Noncallable Serial Bonds to provide for roof repairs and a fire alarm system at the Indian Mills Memorial School and a partial roof replacement at the Indian Mills Middle School.

Summary of principal and interest due on bonded debt outstanding is as follows:

Year-ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2010	\$ 600,000	\$ 218,337	\$ 818,337
2011	625,000	196,518	821,518
2012	655,000	173,402	828,402
2013	690,000	149,065	839,065
2014	725,000	123,389	848,389
2015-2018	<u>2,780,346</u>	<u>241,823</u>	<u>3,022,169</u>
Total	<u>\$6,075,346</u>	<u>\$1,102,534</u>	<u>\$7,177,880</u>

C. Obligations Under Capital Lease

The District is leasing educational equipment and software and telecommunications equipment under a capital lease. The following is a schedule of the remaining future minimum lease payments at June 30, 2009:

2010	\$ 58,959
2011	32,487
2012	<u>32,487</u>
Total Minimum Lease Payments	123,933
Less: Amount Representing Interest	<u>(7,900)</u>
Present Value of Net Minimum Lease Payments	<u>\$116,033</u>

D. Operating Leases

At June 30, 2009, the School District had operating lease agreements in effect for four copiers. Total operating lease payments made during the year ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 were \$48,005 and \$67,504 respectively. Future minimum lease payments are as follows:

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Note 7. Long-Term Debt (continued):

D. Operating Leases (continued):

2010	\$19,499
2011	16,409
2012	<u>2,097</u>
Total Minimum Lease Payments	<u>\$48,005</u>

Note 8. Pension Plans

Plan Descriptions - All required employees of the District are covered by either the Public Employees' Retirement System or the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund which have been established by state statute and are administered by the New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits (Division). According to the State of New Jersey Administrative Code, all obligations of both systems will be assumed by the State of New Jersey should the Systems terminate. The Division issues a publicly available financial report that includes the financial statements and required supplementary information for the Public Employees Retirement System and the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund. These reports may be obtained by writing to the Division of Pensions and Benefits, P.O. Box 295, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625.

Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) - The Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund was established in January 1955, under the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 18A:66* to provide retirement benefits, death, disability and medical benefits to certain qualified members. The Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund is considered a cost-sharing multiple-employer plan with a special funding situation, as under current statute, all employer contributions are made by the State of New Jersey on behalf of the District and the system's other related noncontributing employers. Membership is mandatory for substantially all teachers or members of the professional staff certified by the State Board of Examiners and employees of the Department of Education who have titles that are unclassified, professional and certified.

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) - The Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) was established in January 1955 under the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 43:15A* to provide retirement, death, disability and medical benefits to certain qualified members. The Public Employees' Retirement System is a cost-sharing multiple-employer plan. Membership is mandatory for substantially all full-time employees of the State of New Jersey or any county, municipality, school district, or public agency, provided the employee is not required to be a member of another state-administered retirement system or other state or local jurisdiction.

Vesting and Benefit Provisions - The vesting and benefit provisions of PERS are set by *N.J.S.A. 43:15A* and *43.3B* and *N.J.S.A. 18A:6C* for TPAF. All benefits vest after eight to ten years of service, except for medical benefits that vest after 25 years of service. Retirement benefits for age and service are available at age 55 and are generally determined to be 1/55 of the final average salary for each year of service

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JUNE 30, 2009

Note 8. Pension Plans (continued):

credit, as defined. Final average salary equals the average salary for the final three years of service prior to retirement (or highest three years' compensation if other than the final three years). Members may seek early retirement after achieving 25 years of service credit or they may elect deferred retirement after achieving eight to ten years of service in which case benefits would begin the first day of the month after the member attains normal retirement age. The TPAF and PERS provides for specified medical benefits for members who retire after achieving 25 years of qualified service, as defined, or under the disability provisions of the System.

Members are always fully vested for their own contributions and, after three years of service credit, become vested for 2% of related interest earned on the contributions. In the case of death before retirement, members' beneficiaries are entitled to full interest credited to the members' accounts.

Significant Legislation – During the year ended June 30, 1997, legislation was enacted (Chapter 114, P.L. 1997) authorizing the New Jersey Economic Development Authority to issue bonds, notes or other obligations for the purpose of financing, in full or in part, the State of New Jersey's portion of the unfunded accrued liability under the State of New Jersey retirement systems. Additional legislation enacted during the year ended June 30, 1997 (Chapter 115, P.L. 1997) changed the asset valuation method from market related value to full-market value. This legislation also contained a provision to reduce the employee contribution rate by ½ of 1% to 4.5% for calendar years 1998 and 1999, and to allow for a reduction in the employee's rate after calendar year 1999, providing excess valuation assets are available. The legislation also provided that the District's normal contributions to the Fund may be reduced based on the revaluation of assets. Due to recognition of the bond proceeds and the change in asset valuation method as a result of enactment of Chapters 114 and 115, all unfunded accrued liabilities were eliminated, except for the unfunded liability for local early retirement incentive benefits; accordingly, the pension costs for TPAF and PERS were reduced.

New Legislation signed by the Acting Governor (Chapter 133, Public Laws 2001) changed the formula for calculating retirement benefits for all current and future non-veteran retirees from N/60 to N/55 (a 9.09% increase). This legislation, signed June 29, 2001, provides that all members of the TPAF and the PERS will have their pensions calculated on the basis of years of credit divided by 55. It also provides that all current retirees will have their original pension recalculated under the N/55 formula. Starting February 1, 2002, pension cost of living adjustments will be based on the new original pension.

Contribution Requirements – The contribution policy is set by *N.J.S.A.43:15A*, Chapter 62, P.L. of 1994, Chapter 115, P.L. of 1997 and *N.J.S.A.18:66*, and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. Plan member and employer contributions may be amended by State of New Jersey legislation. TPAF and PERS provide for employee contributions of 5.5% of employees' annual compensation, as defined. Employers are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate in both

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Note 8. Pension Plans (continued):

TPAF and PERS. The actuarially determined contribution includes funding for both cost-of-living adjustments, noncontributory death benefits and post-retirement medical premiums. Under current statute the District is a noncontributing employer of the TPAF.

Three-Year Trend Information for PERS

Year Funding	Annual Pension Cost (APC)	Percentage of APC Contributed	Net Pension Obligation
6/30/09	\$96,348	100%	\$ -0-
6/30/08	74,156	100%	-0-
6/30/07	38,335	100%	-0-

Three-Year Trend Information for TPAF (Paid on behalf of the District)

Year Funding	Annual Pension Cost (APC)	Percentage of APC Contributed	Net Pension Obligation
6/30/09	\$388,031	100%	\$ -0-
6/30/08	812,361	100%	-0-
6/30/07	774,484	100%	-0-

During the year ended June 30, 2009 the State of New Jersey contributed \$388,031 to the TPAF for normal post-retirement benefits on behalf of the District. Also in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 18A:66-66* the State of New Jersey reimbursed the District \$431,030 for the year ended June 30, 2009 for the employer's share of social security contributions for TPAF members as calculated on their base salaries. This amount has been included in the basic financial statements, and the combining and individual fund and account group statements and schedules as a revenue and expenditure in accordance with GASB 27.

Note 9. Post-Retirement Benefits

Chapter 384 of Public Laws 1987 and Chapter 6 of Public Laws 1990 required Teachers' Pensions and Annuity Fund (TPAF) and the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), respectively, to fund post-retirement medical benefits for those State Employees who retire after accumulating 25 years of credited service or on a disability retirement. P.L. 2007, c.103 amended the law to eliminate the funding of post-retirement medical benefits through the TPAF and PERS. It created separate funds outside of the pension plans for the funding and payment of post-retirement medical benefits for retired State

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Note 9. Post-Retirement Benefits (continued):

employees and retired educational employees. As of June 30, 2008, there were 80,181 retirees eligible for post-retirement medical benefits. The cost of these benefits is funded through contributions by the State in accordance with P.L. 1994, c.62. Funding of post-retirement medical premiums changed from a prefunding basis to a pay-as-you-go basis beginning in Fiscal Year 1994.

The State made post-retirement (PRM) contributions of \$592.7 million for TPAF and \$224.3 million for PERS in Fiscal Year 2008.

The State is also responsible for the cost attributable to P.L. 1992, c.126, which provides free health benefits to members of PERS and the Alternate Benefit Program who retired from a board of education or county college with 25 years of service. The State paid \$116.0 million toward Chapter 126 benefits for 12,545 eligible retired members in Fiscal Year 2008.

Note 10. Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

Property and Liability Insurance – The District maintains commercial insurance coverage for property, liability, student accident and surety bonds. A complete schedule of insurance coverage can be found in the Statistical Section of this Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance – The District has elected to fund their New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance under the “Benefit Reimbursement Method”. Under this plan the District is required to reimburse the New Jersey Unemployment Trust Fund for benefits paid to its former employees and charged to its account with the State. The District is billed quarterly for amounts due to the State. The following is a summary of School District contributions, reimbursements to the State for benefits paid and the ending balance of the School District’s expendable trust fund for the current and previous two years:

Fiscal Year	District Contributions	Amount Reimbursed	Ending Balance
2008-2009	\$ 1,305	\$ 440	\$132,534
2007-2008	10,372	None	119,359
2006-2007	None	12,121	114,288

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JUNE 30, 2009

Note 11. Fund Balance Appropriated

General Fund -- Of the \$748,914 General Fund fund balance at June 30, 2009, \$617 is reserved for encumbrances; \$412,016 is reserved for excess surplus in accordance with *N.J.S.A.18A:7F-7*; \$49,132 has been reserved in the Capital Reserve Account; \$106,000 has been reserved for emergencies; \$331,545 has been reserved for subsequent years expenditures; and \$(150,396) is unreserved and undesignated.

Note 12. Litigation

There is no pending litigation involving any material monetary amount.

Note 13. Interfund Receivables and Payables

The following interfund balances remained on the balance sheet at June 30, 2009:

Fund	Interfund Receivable	Interfund Payable
General Fund		\$ 599
Enterprise Fund	\$ 599	
Trust & Agency Funds	<u>440</u>	<u>440</u>
Total	<u>\$1,039</u>	<u>\$1,039</u>

Note 14. Deferred Compensation

The Board offers its employees a choice of the following deferred compensation plans created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 403(b). The plans, which are administered by the entities listed below, permits participants to defer a portion of their salary until future years. Amounts deferred under the plans are not available to employees until termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergency. The plan administrators are as follows:

Washington National	Primerica	Lincoln Investments
American Funds	T.P.A.F. Supplemental Annuity	Janus
Metropolitan Life	P.E.R.S. Supplemental Annuity	AIG/Valic
Equitable	The Legend Group	

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Note 15. Compensated Absences

The District accounts for compensated absences (e.g., unused vacation, sick leave) as directed by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 16 (GASB 16), "Accounting for Compensated Absences". A liability for compensated absences attributable to services already rendered and not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the employer and employee is accrued as employees earn the rights to the benefits.

District employees are granted vacation and sick leave in varying amounts under the District's personnel policies. In the event of termination, an employee is reimbursed for accumulated vacation. Sick leave benefits provide for specified dollar amount per sick day accumulated and begin vesting with the employee after one year of service.

The liability for vested compensated absences of the governmental fund types is recorded in the statement of net assets under governmental activities. The current portion of the compensated absence balance is not considered material to the applicable funds total liabilities, and is therefore not shown separately from the long-term liability balance of compensated absences. The amount at June 30, 2009 is \$451,222.

The liability for vested compensated absences of the proprietary fund types is recorded within those funds as the benefits accrue to employees. As of June 30, 2009 no liability existed for compensated absences in the proprietary fund types.

Note 16. Post-Retirement Benefits

The District sometimes offers benefits to their employees that do not start or take effect until after the employee leaves the District. These benefits are negotiated in their contracts during employment at the District. The benefits offered usually pertain to previous administrative employees of the District. There are three (3) past District employees currently receiving these post-retirement benefits. As of June 30 2009 a long term liability existed for post-retirement benefits totaling \$21,440.

Note 17. Deferred Bond Issuance Cost, Loss on Early Retirement of Debt and Bond Premium

In the Government Funds the bond issuance, the loss on refinancing costs and premium on Bonds are recognized in the current period. For district-wide financial statements, debt issuance, refinancing costs and premium on Bonds are amortized over the life of the original issue or refunding issue, whichever is longer, the cost associated with the 2003 refunding issue was \$69,698, the loss on the refunding was \$100,119 and premium on Bonds was \$29,817. Unamortized balances of losses, issue costs and premium on Bonds for the 2008-2009 school year was \$8,980, \$12,898 and \$(3,842) respectively.

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Note 18. Calculation of Excess Surplus (continued):

In accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:7F-7, as amended by P.L. 2004, c.73 (S1701), and the designation for Reserved Fund Balance – Excess Surplus is a required calculation pursuant to the New Jersey Comprehensive Educational Improvement and Financing Act of 1996 (CEIFA). New Jersey school districts are required to reserve General Fund fund balance at the fiscal year-end of June 30 if they did not appropriate a required minimum amount as budgeted fund balance in their subsequent years' budget. The excess fund balance at June 30, 2009 is \$412,016.

APPENDIX C

Form of Approving Legal Opinion

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The Board of Education of the
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Dear Board Members:

We have acted as bond counsel to The Board of Education of the Township of Shamong in the County of Burlington, New Jersey (the "Board of Education") in connection with the issuance by the Board of Education of \$1,999,000 School Bonds dated August 26, 2010 (the "Bonds"). In order to render the opinions herein, we have examined laws, documents and records of proceedings, or copies thereof, certified or otherwise identified to us, as we have deemed necessary.

The Bonds are issued pursuant to (i) Title 18A, Education, Chapter 24 of the New Jersey Statutes, (ii) a proposal adopted by the Board of Education on June 16, 2009 and approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the legal voters present and voting at the school district election held on September 29, 2009 and (iii) a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Education on June 15, 2010. The Bonds are secured under the provisions of the New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act, N.J.S.A. 18A:56-17 et seq. (P.L. 1980, c.72 , approved July 16, 1980, as amended by P.L. 2003, c. 118, approved July 1, 2003).

In our opinion, except insofar as the enforcement thereof may be limited by any applicable bankruptcy, moratorium or similar laws or application by a court of competent jurisdiction of legal or equitable principles relating to the enforcement of creditors' rights, the Bonds are valid and legally binding general obligations of the Board of Education, and the Board of Education has the power and is obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the school district for the payment of the Bonds and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

The Board of Education has covenanted to comply with continuing requirements that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order to preserve tax exemption under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). Failure to comply with certain requirements of the Code may cause interest on the Bonds to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds. In the event that the Board of Education continuously complies with its covenant and in reliance on representations, certifications of fact and statements of reasonable expectations made by the Board of Education, it is our opinion that interest on the Bonds is not included in gross income for federal income tax purposes and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of computing the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals and corporations. Pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, interest on the Bonds is not counted in determining "adjusted current earnings" for the purpose of computing the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on certain corporations. We express no opinion regarding other federal tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds. Further, in our opinion, interest on the Bonds and any gain on the sale thereof are not included in gross income under the New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act.

This opinion is issued as of the date hereof. We assume no obligation to update, revise or supplement this opinion to reflect any facts or circumstances that may come to our attention or any changes in law or interpretations thereof that may occur after the date of this opinion or for any reason whatsoever.

Very truly yours,