

Holmdel Township Board of Education
Special Education Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes – September 26, 2007

Present: J. Burke – Chair, Barbara Duncan, Meryl Gill, Mary Hartnett, Ana Vander Woude, Phyllis Pascucci – Late

- **Review of class size** – children have settled in with their teachers and the feedback has been positive. 10 students in total have moved into the district. They all are attending Satz, but it remains manageable.
- **October 8th Professional Development** – workshop on Autism and a workshop on sign language will be offered.
- **Wilson** – program for 4th grade and up, 2 day instructional overview planned on level 1 was thought to be free, but will now have a small cost to the district. Foundations program for K-3, we will participate. There is great excitement around the entire Wilson program.
- **Battelle Developmental Inventory** – new state mandate about an assessment process for infant and child development. We are sending folks to training at the end of October at a cost of \$100 each.
- **Teacher Editions for 4-5 grade** – books were purchased within existing budget.
- **Transition Committee** – Goal is implementation of successful school to work program. Large grant from New Jersey for Community Based Instruction (CBI). Brookdale programs are available for both Special and General Ed. Theme is how to go about training staff to prepare individuals for a career.
- **Preschool** – the Letter People have arrived. A fun and dynamic way to teach preschoolers about letters. The staff and students are very excited.
- **Portfolio Assessment** – the implementation of the process continues and updates will be provided as appropriate.
- **ARISE** – the meeting dates were handed out with the hope that the subcommittee could agree on a date to attend a meeting. Will be discussed further.

Meeting adjourned 7:05PM

Respectfully submitted: Jerry Burke