

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGET HEARING
April 26, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

The Board President, Joseph Hadden, called the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Township of Ocean Board of Education to order at 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the School District's Administration Building.

STATEMENT OF NOTICE

Adequate notice of the meeting to be held by the Township of Ocean Board of Education on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. has been provided in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 231, Public Laws, 1975.

1. Notice of the meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Administration Building, 163 Monmouth Road, Oakhurst, New Jersey, all Ocean Township District Schools and Transportation, and the School District Website www.oceanschools.org on January 7, 2016.
2. Notice of the meeting was transmitted to the Asbury Park Press on January 7, 2016 and The New Coaster Newspapers on January 7, 2016.
3. Notice of the meeting was filed with the Municipal Clerk, Township of Ocean and the Municipal Clerk, Village of Loch Arbour on January 7, 2016.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Mr. Steven Clayton, Mr. James Dietrich, Mr. Joseph Hadden, Mr. David Marshall, Mrs. Amy McGovern, Mr. Sean Moore, Mr. Michael Palutis, Mrs. Denise Parlamas and Mrs. Sylvia Sylvia-Cioffi.

1. **PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED 2016-2017 SCHOOL BUDGET** – Board of Education and District Administration presented the 2016-2017 Budget. See attached power point presentation.
2. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS ON THE 2016-2017 PROPOSED BUDGET**
At this time, the Board will entertain any questions or comments on the 2016-2017 School Budget:
 - Dr. Marwin Meller, resident, asked about the Stem and Steam initiatives. The Superintendent discussed the plans for the science-technology, engineering, art and math initiatives at all the schools and the large part the new referendum is playing in regard to these initiatives.
 - Paul Mayerowitz, resident, asked about the new reading program and why it is needed this year. the Superintendent discussed the support of the old program and the inclusive nature of the new program for ESL, Basic Skills and special education students. Mr. Mayerowitz also asked about the Loch Arbour situation and the possibility of losing the 2.1 million dollars from the budget. The Board of Education discussed the timing of that scenario.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT & RESOUCES SERVICES: Mr. Moore

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mrs. McGovern, for approval of the following item(s):

3. **RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR**

WHEREAS, the tentative school district budget for the 2016-2017 school year was adopted by the Board of Education, approved by the Executive County Superintendent and the tentative budget was advertised in the newspaper of record as well as posted on the school district website;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Township of Ocean adopt the following school budget appropriations for the 2016-2017 school district budget statement:

General Funds	\$72,697,671
Special Revenue Fund.....	1,906,450
Debt Service Fund.....	<u>3,690,510</u>
Total 2016-2017 Proposed Budget.....	<u>\$78,294,631</u>

4. **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SOURCES OF ANTICIPATED BUDGET REVENUE FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR**

a) **GENERAL FUNDS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that there be appropriated from General Fund Surplus \$2,500,169 and this sum be applied to the General Funds in an effort to reduce taxes in the 2016-2017 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there be raised from Local Taxes for General Funds \$61,425,948 for the 2016-2017 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board anticipates \$43,850 in Tuition/Transportation Revenue which is to be applied to the General Fund for the 2016-2017 school year;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board anticipates \$482,600 of Miscellaneous Revenue and Rental Income which is to be applied to the General Funds for the 2016-2017 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board anticipates \$7,770,200 of State Aid and \$400,000 of extraordinary Special Education Aid, which is to be applied to the General Funds for the 2016-2017 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board anticipates \$73,904 of Medicaid Reimbursement which is to be applied to the General Fund, for the 2016-2017 school year.

(b) **CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board anticipates \$1,000 of earned interest; and

(c) **SPECIAL REVENUE FUND**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board anticipates \$1,414,217 of Restricted Federal Aid which is to be applied to the Special Revenue Fund for the 2016-2017 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board anticipates \$492,233 of Restricted State Aid, which is

to be applied to the Special Revenue Fund for the 2016-2017 school year.

(d) DEBT SERVICE FUND

BE IT RESOLVED, that there be raised from Local Taxes for the Debt Service Fund \$3,501,658 for the 2016-2017 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education anticipates \$188,852 of Debt Service Aid Type II, which is to be applied to the Debt Service Fund for the 2016-2017 school year; and

5. APPROVAL FOR WORKSHOP/TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSES

WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-1.2, which includes attendance at regularly scheduled in-State county meetings, Department or Association sponsored events or in-State professional development activities for which the registration fee does not exceed \$150.00 per employee or board member, where prior Board approval shall not be required unless the annual threshold for a staff member exceeds \$1,500. In a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and the Board of Education established \$118,000 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year (2015-2016) and has expended \$65,127 as of this date; now the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-7.3, a maximum expenditure of \$95,000 for all staff and board members for the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion(s) on items: #3, 4, 5, carried: 9-0

INSTRUCTION & EDUCATION: Mr. Marshall

Mr. Marshall made a motion, seconded by Mrs. McGovern, for approval of the following item(s):

1. Student Suspensions

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education approves the following:

WHEREAS, Students ID Numbers 73850, 73920, and 70488 have been duly noticed and afforded the opportunity to participate in a hearing before the Board of Education, and have been afforded certain due process rights; and

WHEREAS, Students were advised of their right to appeal to the Commissioner of Education; and,

WHEREAS, Students (73920 and 70488) participated in a hearing before the Board of Education, which took place on April 19, 2016, and Student (73850) was given the opportunity to participate in a hearing which took place on April 26, 2016, and have been afforded certain due process rights; and,

WHEREAS, the preponderance of the evidence indicated that he/she engaged in prohibited conduct on March 23, 2016 and that said behavior constitutes good cause for further discipline.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Students ID No. 73850, 73920, and 70488 will be placed in an interim alternative placement for the remainder of the semester ending June 30, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT Students ID No. 73850, 73920, and 70488 will be excluded from participating in all Ocean Township High School extracurricular school activities and are not permitted on any school property or at any other school function without prior approval of the Superintendent during the period ending June 30, 2016.

Motion(s) on item #1 carried: 9-0

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: 8:58 p.m.

There being no further business, Mrs. Parlamas made a motion, seconded by Mr. Palutis, that the meeting be adjourned. This motion carried: 9-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Jannarone
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary