

DELAWARE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING – PUBLIC HEARING

March 30, 2010

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement of the Delaware Township School District is to prepare each student to become a productive, responsible member of society, able to adapt and change, by providing an environment that:

Creates a foundation for a self-motivated lifelong learner by providing relevant innovative, comprehensive Curricula;

Focuses on individual needs and promotes individual excellence by encouraging and enhancing the intellectual and social development of each student.

This environment will be realized through an active and responsive partnership that includes the students, parents, community, and staff.

I. STATEMENT OF NOTICE OF OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

Mrs. Ubry called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and read the following statement:

As required by law, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to *The Trenton Times* and is posted at the Delaware Township School and filed in the Board of Education Office with the School Administrator/Board Secretary.

II. FLAG SALUTE

Mrs. Ubry led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

III. ROLL CALL

Mr. Johnston recorded the roll call as follows:

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	Present	Absent	Time of arrival after meeting called to order
Mr. Thomas Bruhl	X		
Mr. Scott Falk	X		
Mr. James Harkness	X		
Mrs. Catherine Mumford	X		
Mr. Joseph Pulkowski	X		
Mrs. Kathy Roethel	X		
Mrs. Lisa Thompson	X		
Mr. Lawrence Wohl	X		
Mrs. Linda Ubry	X		

IV. 2010-2011 PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

Dr. Wiener and Mr. Johnston presented the 2010-2011 Delaware Township School Budget. A handout of the presentation was made available, as well as the Advertised Budget including Enrollment Projections, Revenues, Appropriations, Recapitulation of Balances, and Per Pupil Cost Calculations. Dr. Wiener stated that the Budget was presented to the Delaware Township Committee on the previous evening. The Committee Members thanked the Administrator's and Board Members in attendance for their time and honest answers to their questions and concerns. They were very understanding of the challenges of developing a responsible budget in these difficult times.

The 2010-2011 Budget reflects a 1.3% increase in spending, a 7.4% increase in the Local Tax Levy, and assists the Township in its effort to collect back taxes by reducing the deferred amount by \$284K. It reflects an increase of 5.5 cents on the local school tax portion of the tax bill which equates to an increase of \$275 a year for the average house assessed at \$485K. A copy of the presentation is filed in the Official Minutes Book and the Advertised Budget is posted on the School's website.

V. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

All questions from the audience were addressed by Dr. Wiener, Mr. Johnston, and the Board Members during the Budget Presentation. There were no additional comments from the audience.

VI. A motion was made by Mr. Pulkowski and seconded by Mrs. Mumford to approve the following:

Recommend the Board of Education of Delaware Township School adopt the following Resolution:

The Board of Education of Delaware Township School hereby adopts the following budget for the 2010-2011 school year:

The budget includes sufficient funds to provide curriculum and instruction which will enable all students to achieve the Core Curriculum Content Standards, and is in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A and N.J.A.C. Title 6 and 6A.

Anticipated Enrollment 479

Expenditures

General Current Expense	<u>7,948,747</u>
Capital Outlay	<u>50,000</u>
Special Revenue Fund	<u>126,000</u>
Repayment of Debt	<u>479,253</u>
Total Expenditures	<u><u>8,604,000</u></u>

Revenue

<u>General Fund</u>	
..Budgeted Fund Balance	<u>66,087</u>
..Local Tax Levy	<u>7,103,540</u>
..Misc Revenue	<u>11,000</u>
..Tuition	<u>24,000</u>
..State Aid	<u>794,120</u>
<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>	
..State Aid	<u>-0-</u>
..Federal Aid	<u>126,000</u>
<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	
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As per NJAC 6A:23B-1.2(b), the proposed budget provides for a maximum expenditure

amount that may be allotted for travel and expense reimbursement.

The 2010-11 tentative budget includes a maximum travel appropriation of

28,450

The School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to insure that the Maximum amount is not exceeded.

Included in the 2010-11 proposed budget is a maximum regular business travel amount of 1,500 per employee

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	Yes	No	Abstain
Mr. Thomas Bruhl		X	
Mr. Scott Falk		X	
Mr. James Harkness		X	
Mrs. Catherine Mumford	X		
Mr. Joseph Pulkowski	X		
Mrs. Kathy Roethel		X	
Mrs. Lisa Thompson	X		
Mr. Lawrence Wohl	X		
Mrs. Linda Ubry		X	

The motion did not carry with four Ayes and five Nays.

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Mrs. Kathy Roethel	X		
Mrs. Lisa Thompson		X	
Mr. Lawrence Wohl		X	
Mrs. Linda Ubry	X		

The motion carried with five Ayes and four Nays.

VIV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Mumford and seconded by Mr. Bruhl to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 P.M.

Gary P. Johnston, Board Secretary