

DELAWARE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
 March 23, 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 7:03 PM and read the following statement:

As required by law, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the *Hunterdon County Democrat*; and *The Trenton Times*; and is posted at the Delaware Township School and filed in the Board of Education Office with the School Business 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		Arrived at 7:30 PM
Mrs. Lisa Thompson	X		
Mr. Lawrence Wohl	X		
Mrs. Linda Ubry	X		

IV. PUBLIC INPUT SESSION – 2010-2011 School Budget

Mr. Johnston informed the Board and the public that the 2010-2011 State Aid for Delaware Township was reduced by \$390,000 over the current year's Aid. The District was told to prepare for a 15% reduction, but instead the State reduced the Aid by an amount equal to 5% of the total expense budget, or 33% of the total State Aid.

The following information was provided to the Board and to the public:

Delaware Township School 2010-2011 Budget Overview

“Existing Program”

DTS Cost Increases	State Aid Reduction	\$390k
	Charter School	210k
	Tuition – Out of District	65k
	Salaries	255k
	Benefits	220k

1.140k Funding Gap

Available Levy Options for Consideration

3 cent Levy	5 cent Levy	6.5 cent Levy	11 cent Levy
1.140	1.140	1.140	1.140
.270	.450	.585	.990
\$870k over	\$690k over	\$555k over	\$150k over

1 Penny = \$90k levy increase = \$50 on average home assessed at \$485k

BUDGET UPDATE – IN CHALLENGING TIMES

As of March Board of Education Meeting:

What is in the 10-11 Budget:

- Supports Class Sizes of 17 - 22
- Existing Staff Projection
- Existing Student Program, Co-curricular, Extra Curricular
- Shared Transportation with Hunterdon Central
- Shared Administrative Services
- Contractual Salary and Benefit Increases
- Below the Allowable Cap

What is out of the 10-11 Budget:

- 1.0 Custodial/Building Grounds Position
- .5 Administrator
- Administrative Raises
- Capital Outlay – 150k
- Charter School Payment Appeal – 150k
- 1 Out of District Tuition – 40k
- Retirement/Breakage Savings – 30k
- 1 Additional Bus/Route – Contracted to HCRHS
- New Staff Request
- B Team Coaches

Dr. Wiener provided the Board with the following Budget Motion Options:

2010-2011 DTS Board of Education Budget Motion Options

OPTIONS	LEVY	PROGRAM/PERSONNEL REDUCTIONS	¢
1	7.508k	1 Bus/No Personnel Reductions	11.0
Existing Program		Tier I and II Reductions (.5 Administrator Custodial Position 1)	
2	7.194k		7.5
		Tier I, II and half of III Reductions (.5 Administrator, Custodial Position 1, Positions 2 & 3)	
3	7.104k		6.5
		Tier I, II, III Reductions (.5 Administrator, Custodial Position 1, Positions 2 – 5)	
4	7.014k		5.5
Finance/Facilities		Tier I, II, III, and IV Reductions (.5 Administrator, Custodial Position 1, Positions 2 – 6)	
5	6.969k		5.0
		Tier I – IV Reductions and Additional Reductions Listed	
6	TBD		Under 5.0

2010-2011 Budget Reduction Options

Tier I	-	Least Risk/Impact to Program		Notes
		Charter School Reduction	< 100k>	(8 students)
		Third Bus Tier to HCRHS	< 90k>	(bus purchase)
		Reduce Capital Outlay	< 60k>	(50k remains)
		Remove Out of District Contingency	< 40k>	
		Health Insurance Savings 1/11-6/11	< 25k>	
		Total	315k	
315K				
Tier II		Retirement Breakage	< 30k>	
		Additional Charter School Reduction	< 50k>	(4 students)
		Administrative Salary Freezes	< 12k>	
		(in addition to .5 administrative position reduction)		
		Position 1 Reduction – B&G	< 60k>	
		Total	152k	
467k				
Tier III		Position 2 Reduction – Retirement	< 60k>	
		Position 3 Reduction – Sp.Ed./Homeroom		
		Health/PE/WL Efficiencies	< 60k>	
		Positions 4 & 5 Reductions – 2 paraprofessionals through scheduling efficiencies	< 60k>	
		Total	180k	

3/23/10

GRADE	ENROLLMENT	SECTIONS	AVERAGE CLASS SIZE
Kindergarten	39	3	13.0
Grade 1	45	3	15.0
Grade 2	50	3	16.7
Grade 3	38	3	12.7
Grade 4	59	3	19.7
Grade 5	57	3	19.0
Grade 6	56	3	18.7
Grade 7	63	3	21.0
Grade 8	54	3	18.0
Pre School	11		
LLD	3		
Home Instruction	1		
Tuition Sent	2		
TOTAL	478	27	17.1

2. Evacuation Drills –
 - a. February 24, 2010 – 2:10 pm
 - b. March 9, 2010 – 2:15 pm
3. Suspensions -
 - Month of February, 2010
 - In School 0
 - Out of School 0
 - Totals for School Year 2009-2010 to date:
 - In School 2
 - Out of School 0
4. New Jersey Budget Address Overview – What it Means for DTS – discussed during the Public Input session.
5. Calendar – 2009-2010 adjustments, 2010-2011 Proposal – reviewed by the Personnel Committee and is recommended for approval under the Personnel/Policy section of the Agenda.

IX. PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Mrs. Linda Ubry reported on the following:

1. Get Out the Vote – will be asking for help from the Association, Community volunteers, PTA, PiE, and PAC to encourage the “500 friends” to vote for the budget.
2. Board Goals/Community Meeting – is targeted for sometime in June and will be facilitated by a representative from the New Jersey School Boards Association. There is no specific date set at this time.

X. PRINCIPAL/CURRICULUM COORDINATOR’S REPORT – Mrs. Patricia Ryan reported on the following:

1. 2010-2011 Professional Development Plan – a copy was provided at the meeting for each Board Member and was recommended for Board approval under the Curriculum/Instruction/Technology section of the Agenda.
2. Math Textbook Selection – the process for selection was completed and the Macmillan McGraw-Hill text is recommended for Board approval under the Curriculum/Instruction/Technology section of the Agenda.

XI. SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – Mr. Gary Johnston reported on the following:

The ROD Grant projects planned for the summer are still on hold by the School Development Authority pending the availability of the 40% funding from the State of New Jersey. The Energy Audit previously approved by the Board is also on hold until we are assured that the 75% funding is still available from the State of New Jersey.

XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Mr. Bruhl reviewed the Curriculum/Instruction/Technology minutes from the meeting held on March 19, 2010.

A motion was made by Mr. Bruhl and seconded by Mr. Falk to approve the following:

1. **Recommend** the Board approve the following athletic and/or field trips for the 2009-2010 school year:

ACTIVITY	DATE	GRADE	LOCATION
Baseball	4/16/10 4/22/10 4/28/10 5/6/10 5/12/10 5/14/10 5/26/10	Middle School	East Amwell School Plumstead Christian School South Hunterdon Regional Readington Township School J.P. Case Middle School Alexandria Township School Holland Township School
Softball	4/16/10 4/22/10 4/28/10 5/3/10 5/6/10 5/12/10 5/14/10 5/26/10	Middle School	East Amwell School Plumstead Christian School South Hunterdon Regional Kingwood Township School Readington Township School J.P. Case Middle School Alexandria Township School Holland Township School
Gymnastics	5/11/10 5/17/10 4/15/10	Grades 4 to 8	Crossroads Middle School Crossroads Middle School Montgomery Junior High School
Cultural Heritage Show	4/13/10	5	Hunterdon Central High School

2. **Recommend** the Board approve the complete **Spring Athletic Schedules** for Baseball, Softball, and Gymnastics, as attached. Exhibit #3
3. **Recommend** the Board approve the **2010-2011 Professional Development Plan**, as presented by the Committee. Exhibit #4
4. **Recommend** the Board approve the revised **Delaware Township School Grading System** (aligned with Hunterdon Central Regional High School). Exhibit #5
5. **Recommend** the Board approve the purchase of a new Mathematics textbook series, as follows:

Publisher - Macmillan McGraw-Hill
 Series Name - Math Connects, Grades K-5 (N.J. Standards version)
 Copyright - 2009

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	Yes	No	Abstain
Mr. Thomas Bruhl	X		
Mr. Scott Falk	X		
Mr. James Harkness	X		
Mrs. Catherine Mumford			
Mr. Joseph Pulkowski	X		

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

The motion was carried unanimously.

B. FINANCE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Mr. Harkness and seconded by Mrs. Roethel to approve Items #1-6.

1. **Recommend** the approval for the payment of bills for March 23, 2010 in the amount of \$263,149.34 (as reviewed by Kathy Roethel). Exhibit #7
2. **Recommend** the Board approve the following payroll amounts:

February 26, 2010 - \$261,362.30
March 15, 2010 - \$264,472.38

3. **Recommend** the Board approve the following list of Use of Facilities and Buses:
Exhibit #9

GROUP	APPLICANT	ACTIVITY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Co.	Stephen Freedley Sr.	Annual Flea Market at SVFC	Sunday 3/28/10	9:00 am to 1:00 pm	1 Bus and Driver

4. **Recommend** the Board approve the following travel expenditures for staff members to attend professional development conferences/workshops. This travel is deemed educationally necessary and fiscally prudent and all travel expenditures shall be directly related to and with the scope of the staff member's current responsibilities and the district's professional development plan. Exhibit #10

Last Name	First Name	Workshop/Conference	Dates	Include (see below)	Maximum Amount
Whitlock	Susan	NJ School Social Worker Conf.	4/19/10	R	\$120.00
Tarnoski	Susan	Writing Measurable Goals	4/16/10	R M	\$35.00 \$5.12
Fania	Karen	Writing Measurable Goals	4/16/10	R	\$35.00
Zakrzewski	Amy	Six Traits of Writing	4/14/10	R	#209.00
Braun	Raymond	Mentor Teacher Training	5/4/10	R M	\$130.00 \$23.56
Terranova	Cynthia	Nutrition Conference	5/17/10	M	\$37.82

R = Registration Fee M = Mileage L = Lodging F = Food O = Other

5. **Recommend** the Board approve a contract with **Rambling Pines Day Camp** for placement of one student for extended school year program, from June 28, 2010 to July 23, 2010, at a rate of \$2,970.00.
6. **Recommend** the Board approve the contract with **New Jersey School Boards Association** for online policy manual services, effective April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011, in the amount of **\$2,500.00**. Exhibit #11

7. **Recommend** the Board accept the following donations from the Delaware Township School PTA. Exhibit #12

\$4,000.00	Carol McGann, Librarian	Purchase of Library Books
\$1,500.00	Angela Mikula, Art Teacher	Purchase of Materials for Art Festival

8. **Recommend** the Board accept the donation of a wheelchair from Mr. Gary Johnston to Mrs. Pat Klemchalk, School Nurse. Exhibit #13

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

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Wohl and seconded by Mr. Pulkowski to approve the following:

9. **Recommend** the Board of Education of Delaware Township School hereby adopts the following Tentative Budget for the 2010-2011 school year:

The Tentative 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>8,353,747</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>9,009,000</u></u>

Revenue

<u>General Fund</u>	
..Budgeted Fund Balance	<u>66,087</u>
..Local Tax Levy	<u>7,508,540</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>
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<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	
..Budgeted Fund Balance	<u>-0-</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			
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.

A motion was made by Mr. Pulkowski and seconded by Mr. Wohl to approve the following:

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		..State Aid	<u>-0-</u>
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		<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	
		..Budgeted Fund Balance	<u>-0-</u>
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Mr. Scott Falk		X	
Mr. James Harkness		X	
Mrs. Catherine Mumford			
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.

A motion was made by Mr. Falk and seconded by Mrs. Thompson to approve the following:

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Anticipated Enrollment 479

Expenditures

Revenue

General Current 7,948,747

General Fund

Expense			
Capital Outlay	<u>50,000</u>	..Budgeted Fund Balance	<u>66,087</u>
Special Revenue Fund	<u>126,000</u>	..Local Tax Levy	<u>7,103,540</u>
Repayment of Debt	<u>479,253</u>	..Misc Revenue	<u>11,000</u>
		..Tuition	<u>24,000</u>
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Total Expenditures	<u><u>8,604,000</u></u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>	
		..State Aid	<u>-0-</u>
		..Federal Aid	<u>126,000</u>
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Mr. Scott Falk		X	
Mr. James Harkness		X	
Mrs. Catherine Mumford			
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.

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Mr. Scott Falk		X	
Mr. James Harkness		X	
Mrs. Catherine Mumford			
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.

A motion was made by Mr. Wohl and seconded by Mr. Falk to approve the following:

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Mr. Scott Falk	X		
Mr. James Harkness		X	
Mrs. Catherine Mumford			
Mr. Joseph Pulkowski	X		

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

The motion carried with six Ayes and two Nays.

XIII. RECESS

The Board recessed from 9:15 PM to 9:30 PM.

XIV. MOTION TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mrs. Roethel and seconded by Mr. Wohl to approve the following:

Recommend the Board go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and potential litigation. (The minutes will be released when the reason for the Executive Session no longer exists).

The motion carried unanimously.

XV. PERSONNEL/POLICY COMMITTEE

Mr. Falk reviewed the Personnel/Policy Minutes from the meeting held on March 8, 2010.

A motion was made by Mr. Falk and seconded by Mr. Pulkowski to approve the following:

1. **Recommend** the Board approve the **2010-2011 School Calendar**. Exhibit #14
2. **Recommend** the Board approve the first reading of the following policies: Exhibit #15

4112.8	Nepotism
6114	Emergencies and Disaster Preparation
3327	Relations with Vendors
4119.26/4219.26	Staff Use of Internet Social Networks & Other Forms Of Electronic Communication

3. **Recommend** the Board approve the revised contract for **Nancy O'Connor**, Para/Middle School Mathematics, retroactive to September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, as follows, per the recommendation of the Superintendent:

Paraprofessional	Step 6	.75	\$15,443.00 annually
Teacher	Step 1	B+15 .25	\$11,194.00 annually

4. **Recommend** the Board approve the request from **Stacy Falkenstein**, part-time Intervention Teacher, for an unpaid maternity leave, to begin on approximately May 13, 2010. Mrs. Falkenstein intends to return to the district on September 1, 2010, per the recommendation of the Superintendent. Exhibit #16
5. **Recommend** approval be given for the following substitute teachers, at the daily rate of \$90.00, for the 2009-2010 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent, "pending receipt of criminal history check approval letter and all state requirements for substitute nurses."

APPLICANT'S NAME	CERTIFICATION	NOTES
Amanda Shepherd	Substitute Pending	Former Student

6. **Recommend** the Board approve a request from **Jennifer Gibson**, to grant an extension of her non-paid maternity/childcare leave through June 2011. Mrs. Gibson will return to a teaching position for the 2011-2012 school year. Exhibit #17
7. **Recommend** the Board suspend Tammera Wiszniewski without pay for the period starting March 17, 2010 (PM) through April 1, 2010 for non-compliance with the Safety Act rules stated in the New Jersey Commercial Driver License Manual.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

XVI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There were no comments from the audience at this time.

XVII. BOARD REPRESENTATIVES LIAISON REPORTS

- A. Recreation – Summer Rec Program is scheduled for July.
- B. PTA – approved and presented the BOE with a donation of \$4000 for the purchase of materials for the DTS school library. Approved the purchase of \$1500 of materials for the DTS Art Festival to be held on May 27, 2010. Sponsored the Environmental Assembly for Grades K-2 and Grades 3-4 on March 29th. The Teacher Appreciation Luncheon is scheduled for May 4th, the Mother's Day Plant Sale is scheduled for May 7th, and Field Day will take place on June 11th.
- C. Township – working on their Budget.
- D. ESC – Board approved Crossriver to provide a proposal for solar at their facilities via a Power Purchase Agreement. The installation and ownership of the units will be financed by an investor and ESC will benefit from reduced energy costs.
- E. Planning Board – Perimeter Properties is continuing talks with the Township regarding development of the land adjacent to the school.
- F. Education Foundation – nothing to report.
- G. HCSBA – nothing to report
- H. NJSB – Pension reform and Healthcare contributions are the hot items.
- I. Parent Advisory Committee – did not meet the past month.
- J. Community Relations – Senior's luncheon will take place next Wednesday at 12:00PM and Board Candidates are invited.
- K. HCRHS – 2010 – 2011 Budget is on the website
- L. DTAA – baseball is starting up. Next meeting will be at the Township Office to review the Budget.

XVIII. OTHER/OLD BUSINESS

There was no other/old business to discuss at this time.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Wohl and seconded by Mr. Harkness to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Gary P. Johnston, Board Secretary