

DELAWARE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING
March 31, 2009

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 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. 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		Arrived at 7:05 pm
Mrs. Catherine Mumford	X		
Mr. Kenneth Novak	X		
Mr. Joseph Pulkowski		X	
Mrs. Kathy Roethel	X		
Mr. Lawrence Wohl		X	
Mrs. Linda Ubry	X		

III. FLAG SALUTE

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

IV. 2009-2010 PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

Dr. Wiener and Mr. Johnston presented the 2009-2010 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 the previous evening to the Delaware Township Committee and was met with a positive response from the Committee Members. They appreciated the transparency and honest answers to their questions. They also commended the Board for their ability to properly maintain the school's facilities through effective long term planning and budgeting without having to go to Referendum for Capital Improvements.

The 2009-2010 Budget reflects a 1.9% increase in spending, a 4% increase in the Local Tax Levy, and assists the Township in its effort to collect back taxes by reducing the deferred amount

by \$315K. It reflects an increase of 3.0 cents on the local school tax portion of the tax bill which equates to an increase of \$145 a year for the average house assessed at \$482K. Copies of the presentation and the Advertised Budget are filed in the Official Minutes Book.

V. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mrs. Moira GaNun commented that she has noticed a positive reaction in the community towards the school. She commended those involved for their efforts to get out the vote this year, and specifically, for the effort to increase the number of absentee ballots.

VI. BUDGET APPROVAL

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

The Board of Education of Delaware Township School hereby adopts the following budget for the 2009-2010 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 <u>477</u>			
<u>Expenditures</u>		<u>Revenue</u>	
General Current Expense	<u>\$7,607,906</u>	Budgeted Fund Balance	<u>\$ 85,576</u>
Capital Outlay	<u>200,000</u>	Local Tax Levy	<u>6,527,483</u>
Special Revenue Fund	<u>136,000</u>	Special Revenue Fund	<u>136,000</u>
Repayment of Debt	<u>439,578</u>	Repayment of Debt	<u>439,578</u>
		Tuition	<u>10,800</u>
		State Aid	<u>1,184,047</u>
Total Expenditures	<u><u>\$8,383,484</u></u>	Total Revenue	<u><u>\$8,383,484</u></u>

As per NJAC 6A:23B-1.2(b), the budget provides for a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for travel and expense reimbursement.

The 2009-10 tentative budget includes a maximum travel appropriation of \$28,950.

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

Included in the 2009-10 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. Kenneth Novak	X		
Mr. Joseph Pulkowski			
Mrs. Kathy Roethel	X		
Mr. Lawrence Wohl			
Mrs. Linda Ubry	X		

The motion carried unanimously.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Novak and seconded by Mrs. Roethel to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm.

The motion carried unanimously.

Gary P. Johnston, Board Secretary