

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

DENVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 6, 2019

Special Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Township of Denville - Council Chambers

I. CALLED TO ORDER BY MR. ANDERSEN AT 7:00 P.M

A. OPENING STATEMENT

“This meeting of the Denville Township Board of Education is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was provided to the Daily Record and/or the Star Ledger of Morris County; has been delivered to the Township Clerk and has been posted on the bulletin board of the Board of Education Office, and at each of the school buildings in the District”.

B. ROLL CALL

Mr. Cappello - P, Mr. Casse - P, Mr. Luer - P, Mr. Kim - P, Mrs. Wagner - A, Mrs. Gould - P, Mr. Andersen - P.

C. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Andersen stated there was no need to convene in executive session in accordance with Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act.

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

E. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Public Hearing on 2019-2020 Denville PK-8 school budget, Ref 1-4 - Mr. Forte presented the 2019-2020 as follows:

- Denville School District Strategic Plan 2022
- Denville School District Goals – 2018-2019
- Budget Breakdown:
 - Salary: \$20,164,057
 - Benefits: \$7,946,903
- Discretionary (5.0%) vs Non-Discretionary Spending (95.0%)
- Revenue:
 - State and Federal – 6.07%
 - Local Revenue – 92.89%
 - Other Revenue – 1.04%
- Budget by Categories
 - Funding for Technology
 - Funding for Security
 - Funding for Facilities
 - Funding for Curriculum, Personnel, and Other Items
- Property Tax Data 2018 Comparison Group
- Comparison charts representing a comparison of Denville to the comparative group on specific measures (demographic, financial data, and standardized test scores, ELA)
- 2019-2020 Breakdown
- Cost Drivers

The Board president thanked the administration. He stated that the Board is proud that the District is debt service free without sacrificing or compromising the continued support to the students and staff. The District continues to provide mental health services and has also managed to complete many needed projects within the constraints of the 2% budget cap.

F. SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS – No Comments

G. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS - Dr. Cullis discussed the following:
Dr. Cullis congratulated and thanked the staff on the staff appreciation week.

H. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S COMMENTS - Mrs. Gurowsky discussed the following:
Mrs. Gurowsky commented on the 2019 school board election information. She stated that election information is available on the District website and also on the NJSBA website.

II. OPEN TO PUBLIC DISCUSSION (Agenda Items Only)

Opened: 7:30 p.m. **Closed:** 7:30 p.m.

No comments were made.

III. FINANCE (Includes Technology) – Chair, Don Casse

Mr. Casse moved, seconded by Mr. Luer, to approve the following Resolutions under Finance:

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Township of Denville approve the following resolution regarding the 2019-2020 school district budget:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Denville Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey approves the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2019-2020 budget of the Denville Board of Education be approved by the Board of Education. This budget meets the requirements for providing the New Jersey Student Learning Standards and consists of appropriations as follows:

General Fund	\$33,166,248.
Special Revenue Fund	<u>\$ 386,284.</u>
	\$33,552,532.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there should be raised for taxes for the General Funds \$31,168,585 for the ensuing School Year (2019-2020).

WHEREAS, the Denville Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery

of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$150 per event where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this event threshold for a staff member is exceeded during July 1 through June 30; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, a board of education must establish a maximum dollar limit for travel expenditure, as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq.,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Township of Denville approves establishing a maximum travel expenditure amount of \$57,000 for the 2019-2020 school year. The maximum travel expenditure amount for the 2018-2019 school year is \$57,000, of which, \$ 36,193 has been spent and \$20,807 is encumbered to date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve a maximum annual expenditure for professional services in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2(1):

Auditor	\$31,000
Attorney	\$85,000
Architect	\$ 5,000

The consensus of the Board was to reclassify some of the projects that originally were identified on the 19/20 school budget and utilize those funds for one unbudgeted teacher and several professional aides needed for the 19/20 school year. The Board also consent to utilize capital and maintenance reserve to complete the needed projects.

Reclassify from Capital Project (Fund -12):

Exhaust Fan Repair/Replacement	\$ 20,000
Exterior Doors Replacement-district wide	\$ 20,000
Interior Doors replacements	\$ 10,000
VV-Locker-room repairs	\$122,144

Reclassify to Salary Account:

Personnel – Teache	\$ 82,144
Personnel – Aides	\$ 90,000

ROLL CALL (Motion 1)

Mr. Cappello-Y, Mr. Casse-Y, Mr. Luer-Y, Mr. Kim-Y, Mrs. Gould-Y, Mr. Andersen-Y.

V. GOOD OF THE CAUSE

A. CORRESPONDENCE - No Correspondence

B. DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Board commented on the following Items:

- Teachers appreciation week
- Lakeview School – Festival of the Arts – May 2nd was a great success
- Riverview School - Related Arts Night – May 2nd was well attended and great event

VI. OPEN TO COMMENTS

Time: 7:44 p.m. **Closed:** 7:45 p.m.

No comments were made.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Cappello moved, seconded by Mr. Kim, to adjourn the meeting.

ACTION ON MOTION:

Yeas 6 Nays 0 Abstentions 0 Time: 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Damaris Gurowsky
Business Administrator/Board Secretary