

Robbinsville Board of Education Special Meeting

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

6:30 PM

RHS Student Activities Center

Minutes

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mrs. Jane Luciano, President

Mr. Scott Veisz, Vice President

Mrs. Shaina Ciaccio

Mrs. Sharon DeVito

Mr. Vito Galluccio

Mr. Thomas Halm

Mr. Craig Heilman

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Dr. Kathleen A. Foster

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Dr. Kim Tew

SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR / BOARD SECRETARY

Ms. Beth Brooks

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Ms. Jodi Howlett

ROBBINSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

April 2, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER PUBLIC MEETING

Board President Jane Luciano called the April 2, 2019 meeting of the Robbinsville Board of Education to order at 6:25 PM. She read the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law announcement and led the flag salute.

II. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Ciaccio	Present	Mr. Galluccio	Present	Mrs. Temple	Present
Mrs. DeVito	Present	Mr. Heilman	Present	Mr. Veisz	Present
Mr. Halm	Present	Mrs. Luciano	Present	Mr. Young	Present

III. BUDGET UPDATE: KATHIE FOSTER, SUPERINTENDENT & BETH BROOKS, SBA

Superintendent Kathie Foster and School Business Administrator Beth Brooks provided an update on the revisions to the 2019-2020 preliminary budget. Ms. Brooks explained that changes implemented by the state made it necessary for the Board to raise, rather than decrease, the local fair share as the Board had voted to do during the March 18, 2019 Board meeting. This means that, during the budget year (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020) the average homeowner will see a tax decrease of approximately \$20 (on a home valued at \$375,000).

At the conclusion of the presentation, Mrs. Luciano noted that there were other factors that contributed to the need to revise the preliminary budget, specifically the late release of state aid figures with no corresponding change in the submission deadline as well as a lack of training on the changes instituted by the Department of Education. She added that, in her opinion, the new budget is a much better budget and dedicates additional funding for classrooms as well as an added line for capital.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT: AGENDA & NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

V. ADOPT TENTATIVE BUDGET: ROBBINSVILLE SCHOOLS 2019-2020

Motion: Mr. Halm Second: Mrs. DeVito Vote: 9-0 Motion carried

RESOLVED, that the Board adopt the following resolution to approve and submit the proposed 2019-2020 annual school budget. The Board also accepts the New Jersey Department of Education notification of 2019-2020 State aid and authorizes the Administration to make minor adjustments in the budget required by the Mercer County Executive Superintendent of Schools.

WHEREAS, P.L. 2013, chapter 280 and P.L.2018, chapter 4 requires the submission of an itemized budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools.;

WHEREAS, the Executive County Superintendent will review the budget documents and either approve them or recommend adjustments;

WHEREAS, the Board will have additional opportunities to modify this budget at future Board meetings, after review by the Executive County Superintendent, or at the public hearing scheduled for Monday, April 29, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Activity Center at the Robbinsville High School, 155 Robbinsville Edinburg Road;

WHEREAS, the Administration recommends that the Board approve and submit the following proposed 2019-2020 annual school budget and accept the New Jersey Department of Education notification of 2019-2020 State aid;

WHEREAS, supporting documentation of this budget also contains an itemization of certain expenditures required under administrative regulations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the tentative budget be approved for FY 2019-2020 using the 2019-2020 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
General Fund	\$ 47,137,558	\$ 37,959,184
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 420,993	\$ 0
Debt Service Fund	<u>\$ 5,505,551</u>	<u>\$ 5,401,619</u>
Total Base Budget	\$ 53,064,102	\$ 43,360,803

And to advertise said tentative budget in the Trenton Times in accordance with the form suggested by the New Jersey Department of Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held at the Robbinsville High School, 155 Robbinsville Edinburg Road, New Jersey on April 29, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2019-2020 School Year.

The school district has prepared programs and services in addition to the Core Curriculum Content Standards adopted by the State Board of Education. Information on this budget and the programs and services it provides is available in the Administration Office.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Young and seconded by Mrs. DeVito, the Robbinsville Board of Education voted to adjourn the April 2, 2019 special meeting at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Brooks
School Business Administrator / Board Secretary