

FORMAL PUBLIC HEARING – MARCH 31, 2010

1. Call to Order

The Board of Education, Township of Holmdel, met in Formal Public Hearing Meeting on Wednesday, March 31, 2010, in the library, Wm. R. Satz School, 24 Crawford's Corner Road, Holmdel, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m., prevailing time, by Dr. Ray M. Tai, President of the Board.

2a. Opening Statement

Statement is hereby made that adequate notice of this meeting was given by:

- Posting written notice prominently on the bulletin board in the Office of the Board of Education, 4 Crawford's Corner Road, Holmdel, New Jersey, the District's website and sent to the four district schools.
- The mailing and/or hand delivery of said notice to the designated newspapers, Asbury Park Press, Independent, the PLG, PSG, PSO, PTSO, SAB presidents and student representatives to the Board.
- Filing with the Clerk of Holmdel Township, Police Headquarters and Public Library.

2b. Open Public Meetings Act

Meetings of the Board are open to the public and all members of the community should feel free to participate:

- There are two opportunities for the public to speak; the first is for agenda items only and the second is at the end of the meeting for other items.
- Any individual desiring to speak shall give his or her name, address, and the group, if any, that is represented.
- The presentation shall be as brief as possible but no more than three (3) minutes per individual.
- The board vests in its president, or other presiding officer, authority to terminate the remarks of any individual if he/she deems it in the best interest of those present to do so.

3a. Roll Call/Flag Salute

The following Board members were present: Mesdames: Garrity, Vander Woude and Wetmore and Messrs: Tai, Burke and Collins. Absent: Ms. Hartnett and Mrs. Liu. Also present were Mrs. Barbara Duncan, Superintendent, Mr. Michael R. Petrizzo, CPA, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Ms. Mary Beth Currie, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction and Mr. Frank Campbell, Board Attorney. Absent: Nikhita Prasanna and Niriksha Kannan student representatives to the Board.

3b. Reading of Mission Statement

The mission of the Holmdel Township Public Schools is to provide a comprehensive and caring educational environment that will develop the potential of every student into achievement. In partnership with our community, the School District will support all our students' efforts to meet and exceed the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards, and to become responsible and resourceful citizens and life-long learners.

4. Presentation (s) None

5. Approval of Minutes None

6a. Questions from the Public (Agenda Items)

Mrs. Vander Woude stated she was thankful of the Boards efforts to consider all the feedback they received from the public following the March 24, 2010 budget presentation. As a result, she could support this budget and the applicable tax rate increase.

Mr. Collins reiterated that he was thankful that the Board went back into Executive Session following the March 24, 2010 meeting to consider the public feedback received after the presentation.

Mr. Scarano inquired as to how the Board could only come up with minimal cuts considering the size of the budget. He also did not understand why the Board was not disclosing the details of the positions that will be cut.

Mr. Allingham referenced what Middletown Board of Education did at a meeting regarding providing details about budget cuts and he feels that we are not being transparent with our budget presentation.

Mr. Harrington commented that he understands the challenges of negotiations and the inability to provide details on salaries. He also inquired if the teachers agreed to a pay freeze would that save the positions proposed to be cut.

Dr. Shelton asked who was filling in for Mr. Barger, Board Attorney. He also asked if the User Friendly Budget would provide prior years data.

Mr. De Rosa commented that the Board should look into finding alternative health care options to save money. He stated that he was successful in accomplishing this with his business and saved a lot of money.

6b. Committee Reports(s) None

7. Committee of the Whole None

8a. Report of the Superintendent None

8a-1. Report of Student Representatives to the Board None

9. Business Administrator/Board Secretary's Report and Recommendations

9a. Adoption of 2010/2011 School Year Budget and Tax Levy

Resolved: That the Board adopt the 2010/2011 School Year Budget:

WHEREAS, the Holmdel Township Board of Education adopted a tentative budget on Wednesday, March 24, 2010, to be submitted to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval, and

WHEREAS, the tentative budget was approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools on March 24, 2010, and

WHEREAS, the tentative budget was advertised in the legal section of the Asbury Park Press on Friday, March 26, 2010, and

WHEREAS, the tentative budget was presented to the public during a hearing held on Wednesday, March 31, 2010, and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the budget be approved for the 2010/2011 school year as follows:

Current Expense	\$50,944,281
Capital Outlay	<u>\$ 504,247</u>
Total General Fund	\$51,448,528
Special Revenue	\$ 1,466,877
Debt Service	<u>\$ 3,160,520</u>
Total Budget	\$56,075,925

BE IT RESOLVED, to acknowledge that the 2010/2011 school year budget as described results in a general fund tax levy of \$48,192,066 and a debt service tax levy of \$3,160,520 for a total tax levy of \$51,352,586; and

BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with the N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2(b), the maximum expenditure for travel for the 2010/2011 school year for all staff and board members is \$101,025; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Holmdel Township Board of Education hereby adopts the 2010/2011 School Year budget and that the budget be offered to the legal voters of Holmdel Township at the Annual School Election to be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2010.

MOTION: Mrs. Wetmore SECOND: Mr. Burke VOTE: 6-0
 Absent: Ms. Hartnett and Mrs. Liu

- 10. Old Business None
- 11. New Business None
- 12. Questions from the Public

Dr. Shelton suggested that the Board consider RFP's for the district's auditor and board attorney.

- 14. Adjournment

By a unanimous voice vote the meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael R. Petrizzo, CPA
 Business Administrator/Board Secretary